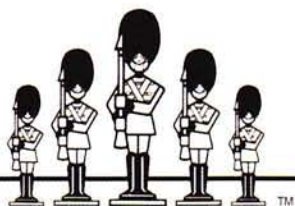


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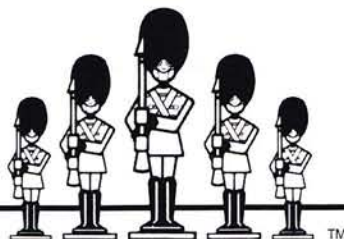
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Ron Eccles (left) and Dr. Ed Poole

NEW OWNERSHIP FOR ROSE MINIATURES

John Eden has taken over the ownership of Rose Miniatures from Jim Robinson, owner of Fusilier. The Rose Miniature range was originally designed by Russell Gammage, who was one of the pioneers in the toy soldier manufacturing industry during the nineteen sixties. John will continue to offer the H. M. range. Further information on John Eden Studios can be viewed on their website: <http://go.to/johneden> or via E-mail: edenjohn@hotmail.com.

MARLBOROUGH MILITARY MODELS 1994

Formerly jointly operated by John Eden and Brian Hey will in the future be under the control of Brian and Cynthia Hey. The Marlborough range includes the Durbar series. Marlborough's new address is "Beechwood" Rainhill Crescent, Barnoldswick, Lancashire. BB18.6BS U.K. Phone: 011-44-1282-816092 or E-mail brian.hey@btinternet.com.



Judiann and Bob O'Connell

NORTHCOAST MINIATURES

Owners Judiann and Bob O'Connell recently embarked on a mammoth road trip in an attempt to support as many toy soldier shows as possible. A four month round trip from their Eureka, California home, starting with Columbia, South Carolina in August and culminating in Annapolis in December. The O'Connells attended eleven shows, including Chicago; Connecticut; Dedham, MA; Albany and Hackensack. Northcoast Miniatures can be viewed at their website: www.54mmtoysoldier.com/info/.

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WORLD TOY SOLDIER DIRECTORY AND COMPENDIUM

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Playset Magazine successor to Plastic Figure and Playset Collector launched its first issue on December 15th, 2001. The magazine concentrates on Marx and other Playsets, as well as recent new production reissued Playsets. Other plastic toy soldier related subjects are also covered. Contact Rusty Kern at (719) 634-7430. E-Mail: playsetmagazine@aol.com. Website: www.playsetmagazine.us.vu

KINGS X TIMES

Kings X San Antonio, Texas Toy Soldier Shop - adjacent to the Alamo - have issued a newspaper-style catalog. Full color, it contains illustrations of the exclusive lines carried in the store. A complimentary copy of Kings X Times may be obtained by E-mail: kxts@texas.net, or visit the website: www.kingsx.com.

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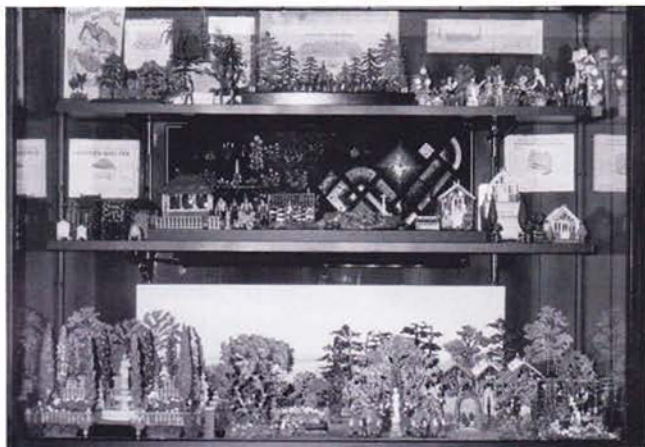
Auctioneers Lloyd Ralston Toys and Henry Kurtz, Ltd. joined forces for their first auction of Toy Soldiers and Figures last December at the Ralston Gallery in Connecticut. Nearly 400 lots were offered with a three way mail, online and "room" bidding facility. Three hundred participants bought 98% of the lots. See Auction Reports for details.

HOBBY NEWS (cont.)

INDY-INDIANAPOLIS TOY SOLDER SHOW

Joe Saine has assumed the ownership of the Indianapolis Toy Soldier Show formerly operated by Barry Carter. Joe's first show takes place on April 14th. For further information, e-mail jsaine@att.net or see advertisement in this issue.

MINIATURE GARDEN EXHIBIT



Alfred Emsig was requested to provide an exhibit of Miniature Garden for the opening of the (M.H.S.) Massachusetts Horticultural Society's New Education Center at Elm Bank, Wellesley, Massachusetts.

The display was created by Alfred whose "Toys of Peace" collection is featured in the long term loan exhibit.

Britains Johillco, Kew, Taylor and Barrett Miniature Garden items are included in the display, along with French hollow cast and modern production items.

For further details, contact Alfred Emsig at:
(781) 246-2030, or M.H.S. at (617) 933-4900.



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SHOW REPORTS

THERE IS LIFE AFTER CHICAGO *By Dmitri R. Ilyinsky*

Northeast Toy Soldier Society Show (Dedham, Massachusetts)

September had come and gone. The Chicago Toy Soldier Show was now a distant memory and life for the toy soldier collector seemed all but over. But wait, life does go on. The fall season was filled with a number of other shows where the toy soldier collector could satisfy his need to hunt and gather the next set of soldiers. And in the month of October, you could have scored the big kill.



Show chairman Arley Pett (right)
with civilian collector Dr. Jim Gibson

Fifty-five dealers from all over the country were present selling their wares. Bill Coakley (his 20th year attending the show), Ron Blais, Arley Pett (the show chairman), The Hobby Bunker, and Dick and Ann Charlesworth were



Bill Watts with a rare Britains twelve
piece Bahamas Police band.

some of the dealers from the Boston area. But let us not forget dealers from afar: Bob Hornung from Cincinnati, John Stengel "The Marx Man" from New York, Jim Holland's "Soldiers of Fortune" from Toronto, Robert O'Connell's "North Coast Miniatures" from California, Ray Haradin from Pittsburgh, Dutkin's Collectibles from New Jersey, and many others. Approximately 20% of the dealers were selling plastic, 40% selling new production and 40% selling older soldier and civilians from the 1960s and earlier.

With a typical gate of six to seven hundred collectors, the show was busy, dealers were happy, and everyone went home feeling that the hunt had been well worth it. A great

show was put on by the Northeast Toy Soldier Society and all members should be congratulated. Everyone is looking forward to the spring meet to bag their next toy soldier prey. Happy hunting!

Sunday, October 14, 2001 was just such a date. The Northeast Toy Soldier Society held their fall show at the Holiday Inn in Dedham, Massachusetts (They also hold a Spring Show which will be held on April 14, 2002). Outside, it was a typical New England fall day, cold, wet and gray. But inside, the buzz was happening. There were over 7500 square feet of toy soldiers, old and new, militaria, civilian, circus and zoo figures, plastic, books, accessories and best of all, lots of camaraderie among the dealers and collectors.



Dick and Ann Charlesworth
displaying Britains Hunt



Old Toy Soldier dealers, Ron Blais and Bill Watts

SHOW REPORTS (cont.)

PACIFIC NORTHWEST TOY SOLDIER SHOW *By Norman Joplin*

Lake City Community Center (Seattle, Washington)



Bob Bailey (co-show organizer) and Helen Hall.

The Pacific Northwest Toy Soldier Show, organized by Bob Bailey, Dale LeFay and Verne Johnson, covers an exclusive catchment area for toy soldier collectors previously starved of toy soldier outlets.

The show held its third annual event in October 2001. It is a non-profit making venture with contributions going to the local children's hospital. Although with only 45 tables, the quality of goods on offer, coupled with the enthusiasm of the co-organizers, goes to make this a very enjoyable club-style show.

One of the features of the event is a free prize draw included in the admission price. Prizes were donated by a number of dealers attending the show.

The organizers promote the show each year by mounting a display of toy soldiers and figures at the Star Antique Mall in Snowhomish, WA.

Amongst the comprehensive selection on display, Bob and Nancy Denny offered a vast array of Elastolin. John Hall was selling off part of his Britains post war collection of cellophane boxed sets at around \$50 per set. Bob Bailey, who specializes in detail plastic figures by Britains, sold well from his vast inventory. The Fort Lewis Military Museum displayed militaria, while Verne Johnson was on hand to auto-graph copies of his book *American Dimestore Toy Soldiers and Figures*. Highlight of the show was the Delhi Durbar display by Frank Lull.

Details of next year's event may be obtained from Bob Bailey at (425) 867-9314.



Frank Lull and Judd with the Marlborough Delhi Durbar Display

Photos by Fredric Provenzano

SHOW REPORTS (cont.)

ATLANTIC CITY IS NO GAMBLE *By Dmitri R. Ilyinsky*

There are many shows that are not billed as a "Toy Soldier Show", but with a little luck and a roll of the dice, these "non" toy soldier shows can produce some wonderful and unique items for the collector. One such show was the "Atlantique City" show held at the Atlantic City, New Jersey Convention Center, October 20th and 21st. The show is held twice a year with the next show being March 23 and 24, 2002. Even though the "Atlantique City" is advertised as the largest indoor antique show in the world, if you play your cards right, you may find a number of fine toy dealers who do not set up at traditional soldier shows.

Many of these dealers were not selling the usual 54mm toy soldier, but were offering unique antique toys from the 19th and 20th century. Bill Bertoia of "Bertoia Auctions" from Vineland, NJ was selling a beautiful circa 1850's Nurnburg Prussian Hussard Rocking Toy. This 10" rocking soldier toy represents a truly beautiful example of the workmanship and imagination of bygone days. Uwe Heintze of "Fine German Antique Toys" from Germany was offering early Heyde Sets, Lineol, and a number of magnificent Marklin pieces. Uwe, who also sets up at the York Train Show, explained to me some of the differences between the European and American soldier collector. "In Europe, I see a larger crossover between the toy collector and the toy soldier collector. In America, there seems to be less mixing between the two groups." Thomas Finck and his wife from Quittelsdorf, Germany, who are well known among composition collectors for their booth at the Chicago Toy Soldier Show, displayed a large grouping of Elastolin figures and vehicles. Included in this grouping was a near mint German staff car from the mid-thirties. Another German dealer, Axel Von Vogelstein, displayed Heyde and Elastolin along with other interesting early toys. Gemini Antiques, represented by Leon Weiss, sold a German Drummer Boy, circa 1840, produced by Erzgeberger of Nurnburg. For those looking for Britains or American Dime Store, Ray Haradin of "Toys of Yesteryear" displayed many unique sets, such as a Russian-Japanese Naval Battle set by Zolles of Germany and Britains' super rare set 1256 Railway Station Staff.

"Atlantique City" is obviously not your typical soldier show. But if you are a collector who not only enjoys toy soldiers, but also enjoys the total antique experience, this is the show for you. Hope you hit the jackpot!



Ray Haradin - Toys of Yesteryear

SHOW REPORTS (cont.)

ANTIQUE AND COLLECTIBLE TOY AND DOLL WORLD SHOW

(CHICAGO TOY SHOW) KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS *By Norman Joplin*



Heyde souvenirs offered by John Haley

One of the largest toy shows in the U.S., Kane County - can always be relied upon to provide many toy soldiers and figures. The October 2001 event celebrated the show's 28th year.

John Haley from England, known best for his tin and cast iron banks, had a varied selection of unusual Heyde items, Devils, Imps and Red Indians in solid lead, issued during the nineteen thirties as souvenir or novelty items for the tourist trade at venues throughout the world. Also on offer from John, the rare large size Britains Terrier, French Hollow Cast Arabs and a selec-

tion of Charbens and Johillco Space Figures from the nineteen fifties.

Don Pielin and Brother Dick of D.P. Miniatures displayed their range of figures along with an eclectic mix of toy soldiers, while Ron Eccles of Eccles Brothers, Ltd., occupying his regular spot, was supplying castings and parts for a wide range of products related to toy figures.

"Kane" features many outdoor tables, and along with a multitude of plastic figures, GI Joe and related items, a good selection of Dimestores and Britains could be obtained by those braving the elements of this outdoor search.

Details of future events, contact: (847) 526-1645. Website: www.chicagotoyshow.com

The East Coast Toy Soldier Show and Sale

Hackensack, NJ. *By Norman Joplin*

Organizer, Bill Lango, reported that despite the economic downturn and the events of September 11, 2001, over 1,500 paid attendees, including 200 pre-paid admission ticket holders, attended the show with 600 entering during the 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. period. Two hundred and eighty tables were originally scheduled, but last minute bookings meant an eleventh hour call to the table suppliers in order to bring in an additional 25 units.

Many vendors claimed that this was their best show in years with particularly sound sales in G I Joe, despite a G I Joe convention in New York City. Plastics again were hot items.

OTS representatives were on hand to promote the first color cover copy of the magazine, now owned and published by Ray Haradin. Ray's editor, Norman Joplin, was also on hand throughout the day and reported great interest in the new style magazine.



Bill and Janice Lango

Next Hackensack show is Sunday, April 21, 2002. For information, e-mail bill@vintagecastings.com.

SHOW REPORTS (cont.)

THE BRITISH TOY SOLDIER AND FIGURE SHOW LONDON, ENGLAND DECEMBER 2001

By Norman Joplin

The British Toy Soldier and Figure Show has earned the reputation of Europe's largest Toy Soldier and Figure Show - and rightly so.

Since its foundation by Norman Joplin in 1991, the show has grown to become THE event for toy soldier collectors.

Now owned and organized by Vectis Auctions, Ltd., Bryan Goodall and his team present a most professional event. Dealers in old and new toy soldiers and figures from the UK, Europe and U.S.A. enjoy the benefit of ever increasing public attendance. Show organizer Debbie Cockerill reported that the gate was again increased, the three exhibition halls were packed almost to capacity from 10 a.m. onwards. Two hundred thirty tables and over 130 dealers offered a staggering selection of products, both old and new.

The event is scheduled for three times each year (see ad in this issue for dates) with March, June and December shows offering collectors, dealers and manufacturers the opportunity to participate in the hobby regularly throughout the year.

The following pictures from the show emphasize the strength in old toy soldier and figure availability whilst all of the major new toy soldier manufacturers were also in attendance.



Bryan Goodall (right), British Toy Soldier Show and Figure Show Owner welcomes Old Toy Soldiers, Ray Haradin



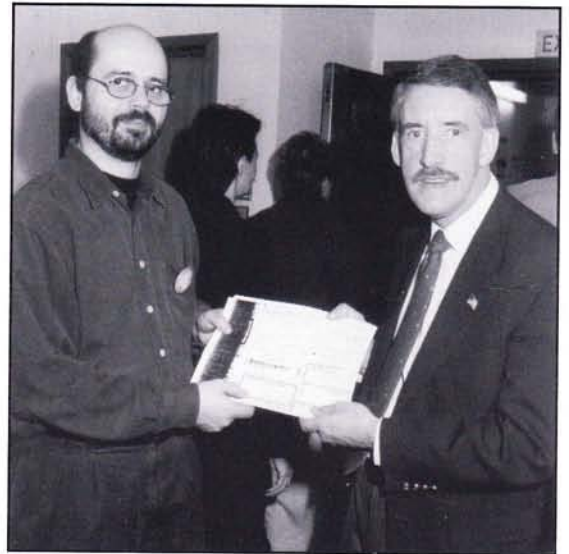
Legendary Old Toy Soldier Dealer Ged Haley and wife Monica

THE BRITISH TOY SOLDIER AND FIGURE SHOW

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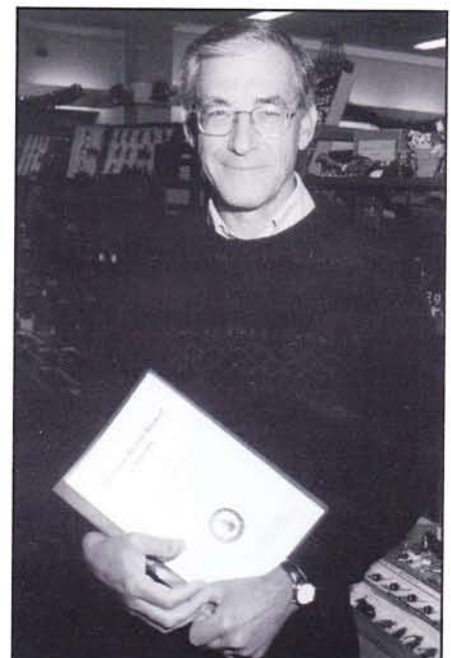
James Opie (left) and Ray Haradin



Markus Grein from Germany (left)
and Norman Joplin



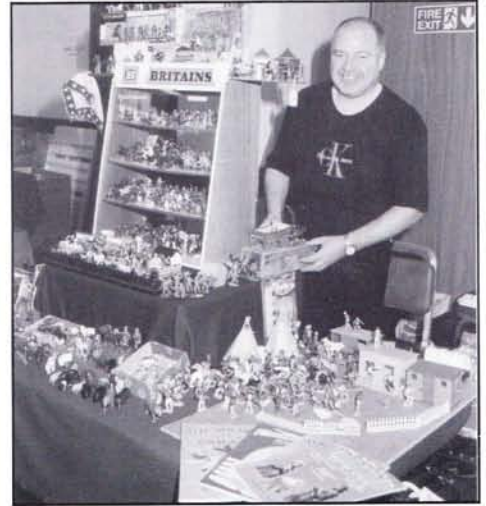
Peter Rumsey with a boxed set of
Britains Ski Troopers.



Dudley Chignall with his Great British
Book of Cococubs

THE BRITISH TOY SOLDIER AND FIGURE SHOW

Photo Gallery (cont.)



Clockwise from top-left:

Steve and Roger Maryon from Kent

Alan Forrest from York

Alf and Shirley Mussett with their vast inventory of civilian lead figures

Rob Wilson from Warwick

Lynn Kenwood, Guard's Toy Soldier Center and Old Toy Soldier Magazine Owner, Ray Haradin

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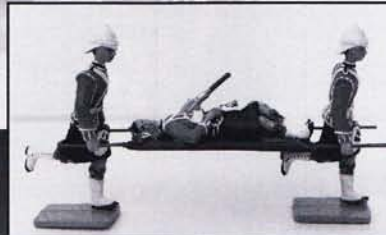
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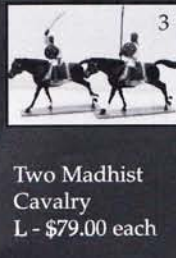
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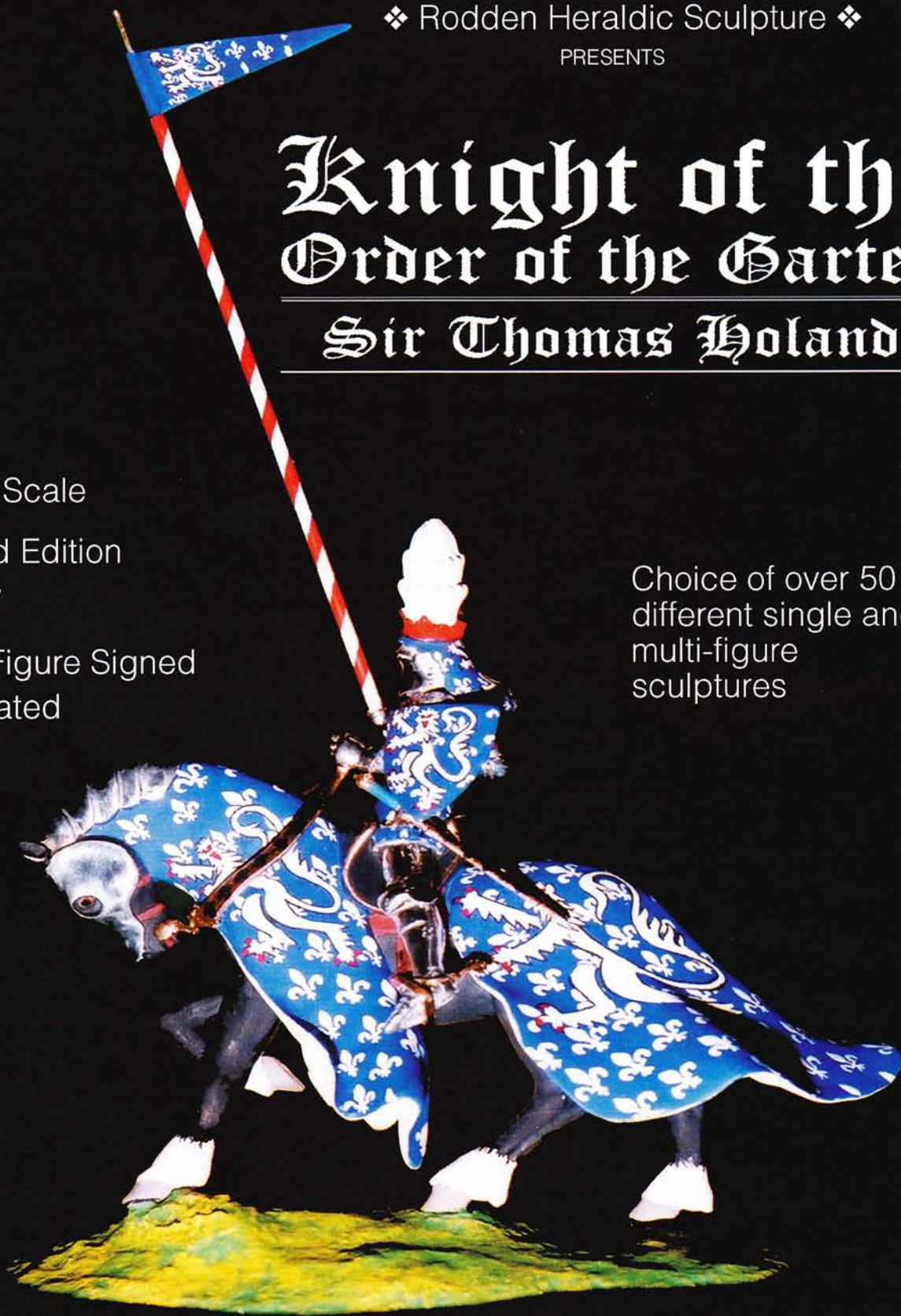
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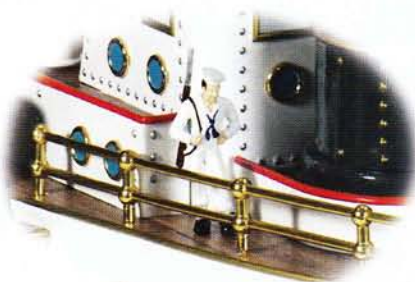
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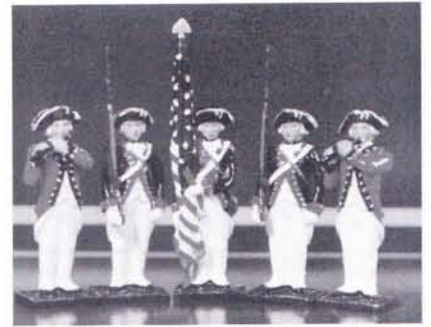
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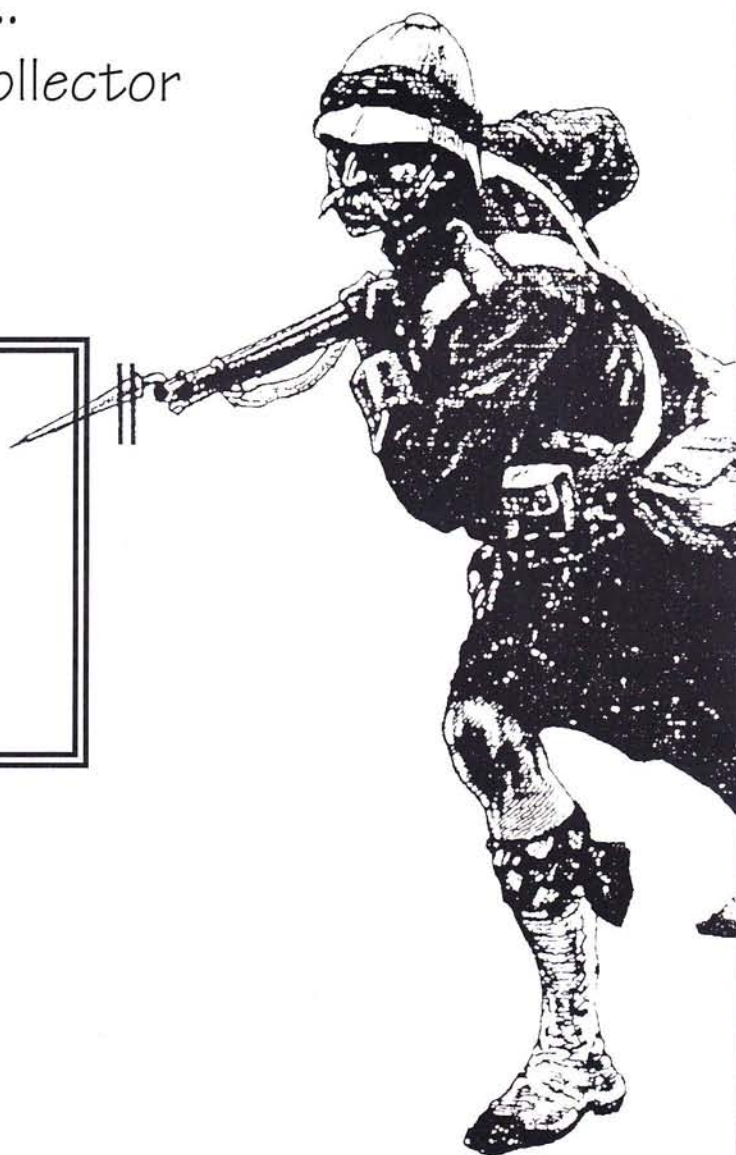


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Britains Ltd. Profiles

The 12th Frontier Force Regiment, 3rd Battalion

Britains Set #1621 by Joe Wallis

The sub-continent of India ranges from the Khyber Pass on the Northwest Frontier border with Afghanistan to the jungles of Burma (now known as Myanmar). Throughout the British involvement in India, the Indian Army was typically composed of Indian native regiments, with a backbone of British regiments stationed for a long tour of duty in India.

After fighting two wars, in 1845-46 and again in 1848-49, to overcome the Sikh Kingdom's military, which had been trained by European officers, the British added the Punjab (homeland of the martial Sikhs) to the area under British rule. During the Sepoy Mutiny of 1857, the British forces were steadfastly supported by their Sikh and Gurkha troops. After 1857 many Bengali regiments were disbanded for disloyalty and more Sikh and Punjabi regiments raised to replace them. One of the most important and hard-fighting components of the Indian Army was the famous Punjab Irregular Force (immediately abbreviated as the P.I.F.). They were formed in 1851. The "Piffers" were more or less permanently stationed on the turbulent and mountainous Northwest Frontier. Renamed the Punjab Frontier Force in 1865, its function of garrisoning the Northwest Frontier and perfecting tactics of fighting mountain warfare never changed. They saw extended duty in numerous expeditions and frontier campaigns conducted against the warlike Pathan tribesmen (Waziris, Mahsuds, Orakzais, Afridis, and Mohmands) of the Hill Country. One particular threat were the Ghazis-religious fanatics who recklessly and fearlessly charged confident that when killed in battle against infidels they would ascend to a heavenly reward of lovely maidens and endless delights. The Ghazis were shock troops who had to be killed to stop them. Periodically, Moslem mullahs preached "jihad" and aroused revolts, or the prospect of plunder and rampage enticed tribesmen to launch murderous raids. The Punjab Frontier Force was created to minimize this marauding along the frontier. Its ability to contend with its opponents was somewhat compromised by the tribesmen's acquisition of modern rifles by the 1890s, but its regiments were always in the thick of the frequent campaigns along the Northwest Frontier.

The 3rd Sikh Infantry of the Punjab Irregular Force was raised at Ferozepore in 1846. They participated in the Black Mountain Campaign of 1868, and then the Jowaki Campaign of 1877-78, a typical frontier punitive expedition that invaded tribal homelands in reprisal for raids the Afridis had launched into British India. The 3rd Sikhs were part of a column under General Keyes that left Kohat in November 1877. This ten-week campaign in winter weather cost the regiment 12 killed and 50 wounded.

In 1879, the 3rd Sikh Infantry served in General Frederick Roberts' force that stormed the Shutargarden Pass during the Second Afghan War. From December 1879 to August 1880, the 3rd Sikhs were among the British and Indian troops that occupied Kabul to avenge the massacre of the British Resident, Sir Louis Cavagnari, and his heroic force of 75 Guides Corps sepoys. (The Afghan Amir's acceptance of a Russian diplomatic mission, and refusal to accept a British mission incited the British fears of a Russian takeover of Afghanistan, and of a threat to British rule in India.) The 3rd Sikhs saw fierce fighting in operations around Kabul, including the repulse of the assault on the Sherpur Winter Cantonment by 50,000 Afghans against Roberts' 7,000 soldiers on December 23, 1879.



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The 12th Frontier Force Regiment, 3rd Battalion (cont.)

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In August 1880, the regiment became part of the 10,000 strong force that marched with General Roberts to the relief of the 5,000 British and Indian troops besieged in Kandahar by Ayub Khan after the defeat of Burrows' Brigade at Maiwand in July 1880. Roberts' defeat of the Afghans at Kandahar enabled a peace treaty to be signed, and the evacuation of Afghanistan by the British. The regiment's service earned it three battle honors: Kabul 1879, Kandahar 1880, and Afghanistan 1879-80. (Readers who would like to learn more about the Second Afghan War should consult *The Road to Kabul* by Brian Robson, or *The Afghan Campaign of 1878-1880* by Sydney H. Shadbolt. For a good survey of the many campaigns against the Pathans, see *The Northwest Frontier* by Michael Barthorp.)

The regiment saw active service in the Black Mountain Expedition of 1888, the Miranzai Expedition of 1891, and the Waziristan Field Force of 1894, but its next major combat was during the Tirah Campaign of 1897. The 3rd Sikh Infantry accompanied the stirring charge of the Gordon Highlanders to storm the single path leading up to the top of the heights of Dargai. They also saw hard fighting and marching in the subsequent campaign to subdue the widespread Pathan Revolt of 1897-98, so that both Tirah and Punjab Frontier were added to their battle honors. They were part of the Waziri-Mahsud Expedition of 1901, and served in the Mohmand Expedition of 1908, after being retitled the 53rd Sikhs (Frontier Force) in 1903. During World War I, the Regiment served in India, Aden, Egypt, and Mesopotamia (Iraq). As a result of the 1922 reorganization of the Indian Army, the 53rd Sikhs became the 3rd Battalion of the 12th Frontier Force Regiment. In 1935, as part of the Silver Jubilee celebration for King George V, the 3rd Battalion was honored by being recognized as a Royal battalion. During World War II, the 3rd Battalion fought in Italian East Africa (Eritrea, Somaliland, and Ethiopia), Egypt, Iraq, Sicily, Italy, and Greece. In 1947, the entire 12th Frontier Force Regiment became part of the Pakistani Army when India and Pakistan became independent nations and divided up the regiments of the old Indian Army.

While the proud history of the 53rd Sikhs certainly made them a worthy choice for Britains Ltd. to select for portrayal as Set #1621 in 1937, it is very likely that their khaki uniform also played a strong role in their representation by the toy soldier manufacturer. After 1918 a bulkier sepoy marching at the slope with his rifle on his left shoulder superseded the earlier model of Indian Army sepoy walking at the trail. Thus, Set #64 contained the 7th Rajputs with red tunics and yellow facings, Set #67 offered the 1st Madras Pioneers with red tunics and white facings, and Set #68 featured the 2nd Bombay Grenadiers with dark blue tunics and red facings. Whether it was the Jubilee Honors bestowed upon this Sikh battalion, or just that someone at Britains Ltd. noticed that another set of Indian Infantry could be produced simply by painting the marching sepoy khaki with black facings and black puttees, the result was Set #1621. No officer was provided in the Indian Army infantry boxes. Britains Ltd. failed to paint the beards worn by Sikh men in Set #1621, but otherwise they did a very creditable job. Because it was only offered in the catalog from 1938-1941, Set #1621 is rarer than the other three marching-at-the-slope Indian infantry regiments. A single man from the Sikhs was included in non-catalogued Set #1888, a short-lived 16-piece Historical Series box sold for less than a year by F.A.O. Schwarz in 1940-41. Unfortunately, sets with marching-at-the-slope sepoys were not made after 1941.

Joe Wallis is the author of two authoritative toy soldier reference books on Britains: *Armies of the World* (see ad in this issue) and *Regiments of All Nations*.

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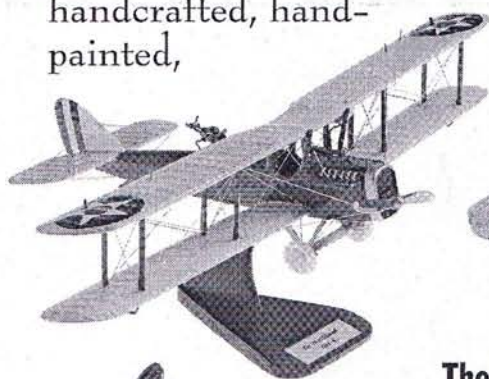
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From Dollhouse to 'Fortress'

The Military Aspect of Moritz Gottschalk's Toy World

Part 3: The Great War and its Aftermath

By Allen Hickling



No. 5260: note the different base and crenellation compared to the example in my previous article (Vol. 25, No. 2, p. 38). A similar comparison may be made between Steve Sommers' No. 5524 (Vol. 15, No. 4, p. 10) and the one also in my previous article (Vol. 25, No. 2, p. 39).
Photo: Allen Hickling

As the year 1914 drew to a close, the firm of Moritz Gottschalk faced its darkest hour. After nearly fifty years of continuous growth, development and commercial success, the future looked bleak indeed.

The first World War had just broken out and Wilhelm, son of the great Moritz and owner of the firm, had died during the first few months of the conflict. As if this was not challenge enough, the outbreak of hostilities also caused the firm's international markets to close, threatened to draft all the younger workers into the army, and to turn the factory production over to supporting the war effort.

With this grim prospect, Wilhelm's widow, Lina, took over the reins. In this she was ably assisted by Kurt Wagner who, following in his father's footsteps, had been a devoted employee of the firm and close associate of the family for more than thirty years. Exactly how the firm survived the war is not known, but survive it did and when things began to settle down in 1919, he married Lina and became a partner in the business.

No. 5522: an example of the middle of the range from the early second version of the 5500 series (15" high x 17" wide x 11" deep).
Photo: Arnold Mueller



A business strategy for recovery

Their business strategy, as it affected their toy fort production after the war, appears to have been one of retrenchment - retaining the series already in production, but streamlining methods and materials. This would have had the effect of keeping their development costs to a minimum, production efficient and their products cheap - thus re-establishing their trading network with as little delay as possible.



No. 5517: note the extremely simplified detailing on this small fort (12" high x 11" wide x 8" deep).
Photo: Bernd Zimmermann

The existing 5200 and 5500 series formed the core of their production. The most obvious simplification took the form of this moulded cardboard covering for the bases, replacing the tree bark used previously. This moulding would appear to represent dressed stone walling with what can only be some form of circular drainage outlets at the upper level and, lower down, nondescript vegetation or moss covered rock invariably painted a dark green (1).

However, there were other changes of note. The elaborate crenellation made of die-cut cardboard was dispensed with. This was initially replaced with crenellation cut directly out of the wood (2), but this too was soon to be replaced with an even more simple representation of crenellation stencilled onto straight cut strips of wood (3).

No. 5259 as featured in The Universal Toy Catalogue produced by the German toy industry in 1924 and 1926.



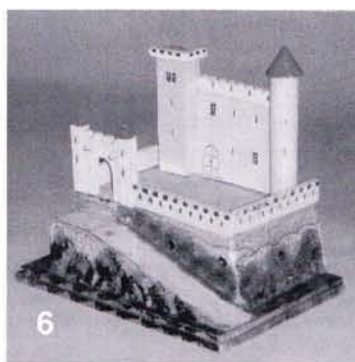
These less ornate toy forts might have become a bit boring were it not for the firm commencing a new stylistic policy of producing a variety of colour schemes. This extended only to the walls - ochre courtyards and red roofs with predominantly black and brown for the windows and doors remained the norm. There are examples of three basic wall colours, each providing a significantly different effect: grey, brown, cream/white (5) - all with white and brown highlighted stonework. The infill between the spars of the half-timbering was white initially but, as the simplification of production procedures took hold, this was also abandoned.



No. 5264: an example of this palatial fort (24fi" high x 27" wide x 21fi" deep) with a cream/white painted colour scheme.

Photo: Allen Hickling

How long these simplified versions remained on the market is not known for certain. On the evidence to hand it would appear that the 5200 series - especially those forts with the large circular tower, main buildings without half-timbering and the arcaded battlements - was wound down by the mid-1920s, even though an anachronistic engraving of a first version No. 5259 was featured in the Universal Toy Catalogue of 1924/26 (4). On the other hand, the 5500 series was still being featured by Gamages of London in their 1929 catalogue which illustrated two examples - including the popular No. 5518.



No. 5790: the smallest known example from the 5700 series.

Photo: Allen Hickling

A business strategy for development

Once recovery from the effects of the war was on the way, and survival of the runaway inflation in Germany during 1922-23 was assured, the firm of Moritz Gottschalk started to look to the future. Some growth and development was essential if they were not to lose their market position.

This brought on the launch of the 5700 series, of which known examples are Nos. 5790 and 5799. In this the same basic production style and methods were adopted, thus maintaining a

relatively cautious approach to the market. Once again, a range of sizes was offered from No. 5790 at 12fi" high x 14" side x 10" deep (6), to No. 5799 which was 35fi" across (7).

However, the buildings were all painted a somber grey with white stonework except for the small conical and/or pyramidal red roofs on the towers. The result was a range of stark forts of an indefinite architectural pedigree which, with the addition of enclosed and turret guns (8 & 9), became modern in the style they probably imagined would be built along the Maginot Line.

Apart from the gun turrets and some emplacements, there were four new building components. These were: a substantial square tower, slightly shorter and much fatter than the one which had become their standard on almost every fort; an even more substantial circular tower; a crenellated gateway flanked by two small square towers; and a rather grim crenellated main building (9).



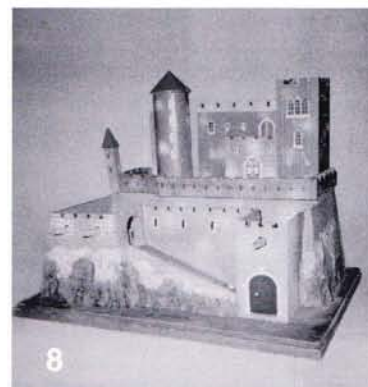
Probably No. 5799: the largest known example from the 5700 series.

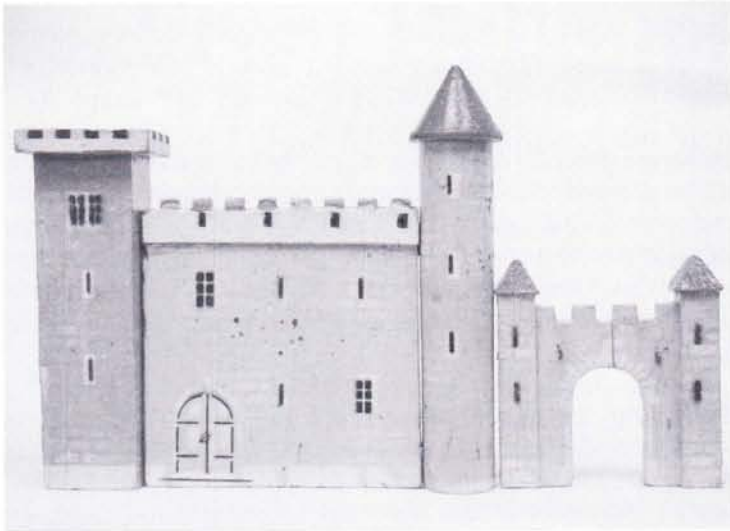
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First evidence of the new series comes in the 1924 catalogue of Gamages' of London (11), which contains illustrations of two forts - a No. 5738 (10) and a No. 5792 (11). The former, which bears a number considerably lower than the rest of the series, is abnormal in that it uses the new components but painted a bright yellow with a 4700 series gateway, while the latter is typical in character to all the others in the 5700 series. As with the earlier series, little is known about how long these forts remained in production, but they are of a style which would not have been inappropriate in the 1930s.

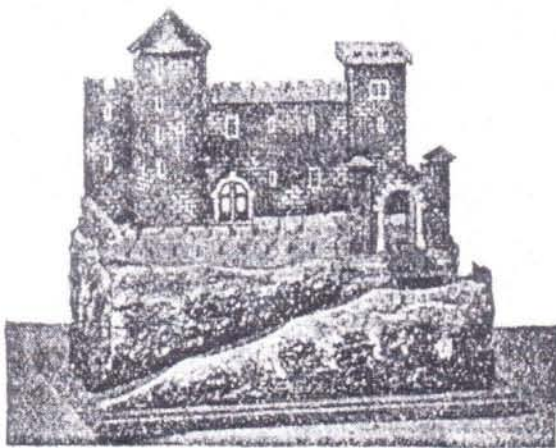
No. 5795: one from the middle of the range of heavily armed forts of the 5700 series (14" high x 20" wide x 16fi" deep) - note the muzzles protruding from the gun ports.

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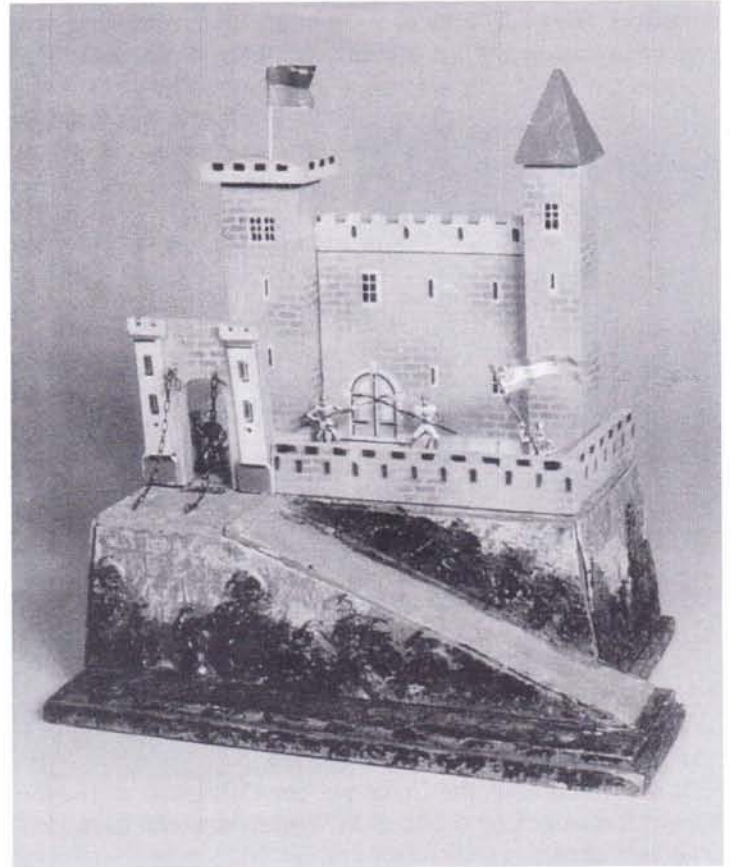
9 Typical buildings of the 5700 series.
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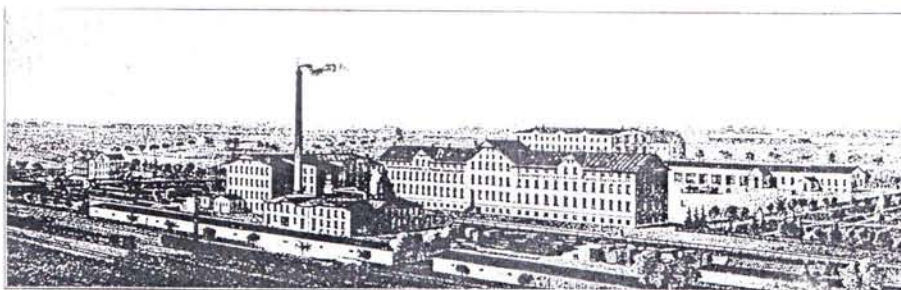


10 No. 5738: an example of the early bright yellow version of the 5700 series (13fi" high x 13" wide x 8fi" deep).
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Retrospective evaluation of the Gottschalk strategies

Looking back on any strategy, the acid test is: did it achieve what it set out to achieve? In this case, both their recovery and development strategies did, because the firm of Moritz Gottschalk was still in existence not only in the decade after the war, but throughout the 1930s as well.

In fact, a good strategy is rarely enough on its own. The fact that they survived so well can probably be just as well attributed to their most valuable asset - a reputation for quality of product, reliability of service and good commercial sense, built up over more than fifty years with their importers and distributors around the world.



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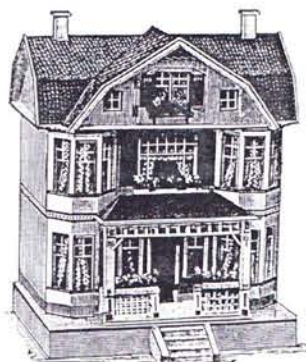
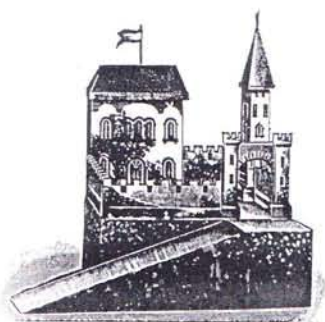
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AUCTION REPORTS AND PREVIEWS

The Hegarty Collection of Important Antique Toys



Drummer Boy Bell Toy

On October 12, 2001, Sotheby's New York auctioned one of the premier collections of antique toys. Covert and Gertrude Hegarty were the pioneers of Antique Toy Collecting. Starting in the 1940's, their love of mechanical banks and American made toys was unsurpassed in their time. With the notion that condition is a direct factor of beauty, the Hegarty's virtually introduced the notion of "upgrading". Covert Hegarty died in 1968. His wife continued to collect through the 70's. Their collection was a destination of collectors nationwide. In 1989, Alex Acevedo, Bill Bertoia and Donal Markey sold the Hegarty's collection of antique mechanical banks to collector and author Al Davidson, briefly creating the best mechanical bank collection in the world. A sale price for the collection was never released, but is rumored to be a multimillion-dollar deal. Unfortunately, Mr. Davidson needed to sell many of the banks and the collection was broken up.

Their toy collection remained in Coalport, Pennsylvania until this year when Mrs. Hegarty decided it was time to let her toys go. Sotheby's Specialists of Eric Alberta conducted the toy sale. With a champagne reception and a host of media exposure, the timing could not of been worse - the mood was glum in New York, the market was at a post war bottom and to make matters worse, Anthrax was discovered in Rockefeller Center that morning. As collectors began to congregate, dreams of purchasing great toys for bargain prices was on everyone's mind. No one will show - who's going to spend a lot of money now - were the themes running wild. The sale started at 10:15 a.m. By 9:00 a.m. everyone realized this was going to be a blood bath as usual. With the low estimates tallying over just 1 million dollars, the 299 lots soared to just under 2.2 million - once again demonstrating the resilience of toys.

The soldier related lots were particularly popular:

Drummer Boy Bell Toy, manufactured by J&E Stevens, circa 1995 in exceptionally fine condition (Est. \$6,000-\$8,000) sold \$24,900.

Flying Artillery with Caisson, manufactured by Pratt and Letchworth, circa 1985 in virtually mint condition (Est. 20,000-\$25,000) sold \$65,150.

Patent Chime with Soldiers Bell Toy, manufactured by Althof Bergmann, circa 1875. An exceptional form for a toy (Est. \$5,000-\$6,000) sold \$41,000.

Russia vs. Japan Bell Toy, manufactured by Gong Bell, circa 1902. One of two known examples. (Est. \$6,000-\$8,000) sold \$19,150.

The top lot: Cutter Sleigh, manufactured by Ives, circa 1893. The best horse drawn toy. (Est. \$20,000-\$30,000) skyrocketed to \$159,750.

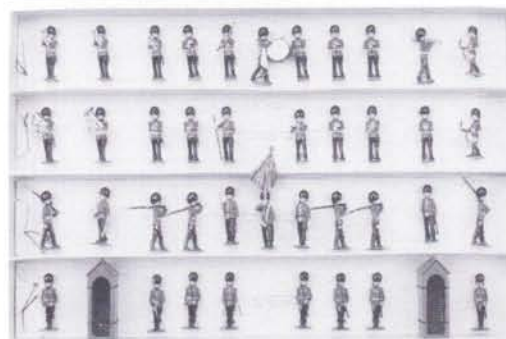
AUCTION REPORTS AND PREVIEWS (cont.)

VECTIS BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ENGLAND OCTOBER 2001 EDWARD M. ARUNDEL COLLECTION

Edward M. Arundel's interest in toy soldiers began in the 1930s with a small collection of American-made toy soldiers.

It was a visit to the "The Soldier Shop" in New York City in 1979 that the collecting bug hit. His first purchase being Britains Set #2046. In 1984, he began collecting in earnest, the end product of which was offered in the Vectis Auction on October 11, 2001.

Ed's prized Set #1555, The Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, realized £2400; Set #104, City Imperial Volunteers - £880; Rare Set #1470, State Coach 1937 version containing Edward the Eighth - £1450; Set #1722, Pipes and Drums of the Scot's Guards - £720; Set #1897, R.A.M.C. Motor Ambulance Unit - £1150; Set. #2014, U.S. Marine Corps Band 1950 version - £1050; Set #2110, U.S. Army Band - £1650 and Set #1272, Algerian Spahis - £1250 were the highlights in a 348 lot auction. All prices exclude buyer's premium. Conversion pound to dollar rate equals approximately 1.40 dollars to one pound.



Britains Set 1555
Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace

Vectis Auctions, in keeping with their regular auction schedules, are becoming increasingly well known for toy soldier auctions.

January 2001 sees the Stewart Saxe Collection come up for sale. An Auction Report will be published in OTS Volume 26 #1 Spring 2002.

CHRISTIES SOUTH KENSINGTON LONDON NOVEMBER 29, 2001

Daniel Agnew of Christies Toy Department reports on some highlights from the Toy Soldier auction held last November.

The two hundred and forty one lot auction included Britains Military pre and post war from the Andrew Rose Collection, Paris Office Issues, German Solids by Heyde and Noris, rare Charbens Plastics, Lineol and Elastolin composition, Mignot and Lucotte along with several lots of civilian and character items by Jonillco, Timpo Charbens and Sacul.

Lot 20 - Britains Set 193 Arabs of the Desert, boxed 1914 £650; Lot 46 - Small size Britains Paris Office Chasseurs (12 qty.) £550; Lot 77 - From rare Britains Set 449 Black Watch, 1932 (9 qty.) £650; Lot 96 - Britains Paris Office French Infanterie in steel helmets lying firing, dark blue helmets and standing officer in kepi, 1916 £750; and Lot 175 - a Noris 50mm British Boer War Service Dress Pontoon Bridging Team £700. All results exclude the 17.5% V.A.T. premium.

Details of future Toy Soldier Auctions at Christies South Kensington may be obtained by contacting Daniel Agnew by email: dagnew@Christies.com

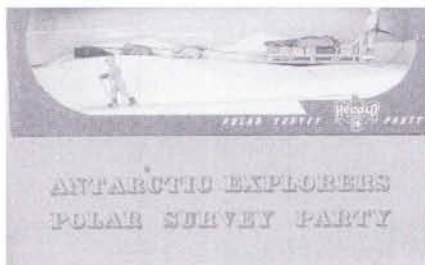
AUCTION REPORTS AND PREVIEWS (cont.)

VECTIS AUCTIONS

17 DECEMBER 2001

EARLY PLASTIC FIGURES BY HERALD AND BRITAINS

Vectis Auctions' Three Hundred and Twenty One Lot sale included many highly sought after early boxed examples of Herald and Britains plastic toy soldiers and figures. Lots One to Thirteen made a combined total of 7,300 British pounds. Individual lot prices included: Herald Set #H5298 - Polar Survey Party in original box - 740 pounds; Set #H5496 - Robin Hood Set in original box - 820 pounds; Set #7599 - Trojan Warriors in original box - 620 pounds; and Britains-Herald Set #7626 - Swoppet Cowboys and Indians in original box - 800 pounds.



Herald Set #H5298
Polar Survey Party in original box
740 pounds



Britains - Swoppet Knights -
Sets 1450 and 1453
130 pounds



Set #H5496
Robin Hood Set in original box
820 pounds



Britains - Herald - Set H7599 -
Trojan Warriors
620 pounds



Britains - Herald - Set H7601 -
Cowboys and Indians
520 pounds



Britains - Herald - Set H7461 -
US Civil War Federal Forces
580 pounds



Britains - Herald - Set H7609
Cowboys and Indians
580 pounds



Britains - Swoppet Knights -
Set 7479
460 pounds

In the Military Hollow Cast Section Lot 86, an extremely rare boxed example of Britains Set #2020 - Portuguese Native Infantry realized 3,000 pounds.

Pound dollar exchange rate is calculated at 1.40 dollars to one British pound. Prices exclude buyer's premium.

Full details and results are listed on the Vectis website: www.vectis.co.uk.

AUCTION REPORTS AND PREVIEWS (cont.)

LLOYD RALSTON TOYS / HENRY KURTZ LTD.

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December 8, 2001

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Courtenay and Greenhill Knights "Highlight"

Lot 47 - H13 Courtenay mounted figure of Alain Lord of Montendre - \$2,100; Lot 88 - Mignot French Napolionic Lancer Band in original box - \$1,050; Lots 204 to 210 - Greenhill Knights made a combined total of \$3,640; Lot 268 - Courtenay Thierry D'Auffay Le Hardi - \$550; Lot 271 - Courtenay Robert, Count Roucy - \$440; Lot 331 - Courtenay Mounted Tournament Figure of William, Earl of Wilts - \$950 (despite a degree of retouched paint); and Lot 332 - Courtenay Mounted Figure of Sir Henry Percy - \$440.

In the Britains Section, Lot 25, an unboxed group of 9th and 12th Lancers with Lifeguards from Set 400, achieved \$800.

Results exclude buyer's premium. For full results, contact Lloyd Ralston Toys (203) 452-1896. original box - 800 pounds.

VECTIS AUCTION PREVIEW

Vectis Auctions will hold a Toy Soldier and Figure Auction in Buckinghamshire, UK on Thursday, March 14th.

The 300 lots will include a substantial Elastolin composition and plastic section, lead military and civilian figures and a Britains Picture Pack collection.

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Book Preview

BRITAINS CIVILIAN TOY FIGURES

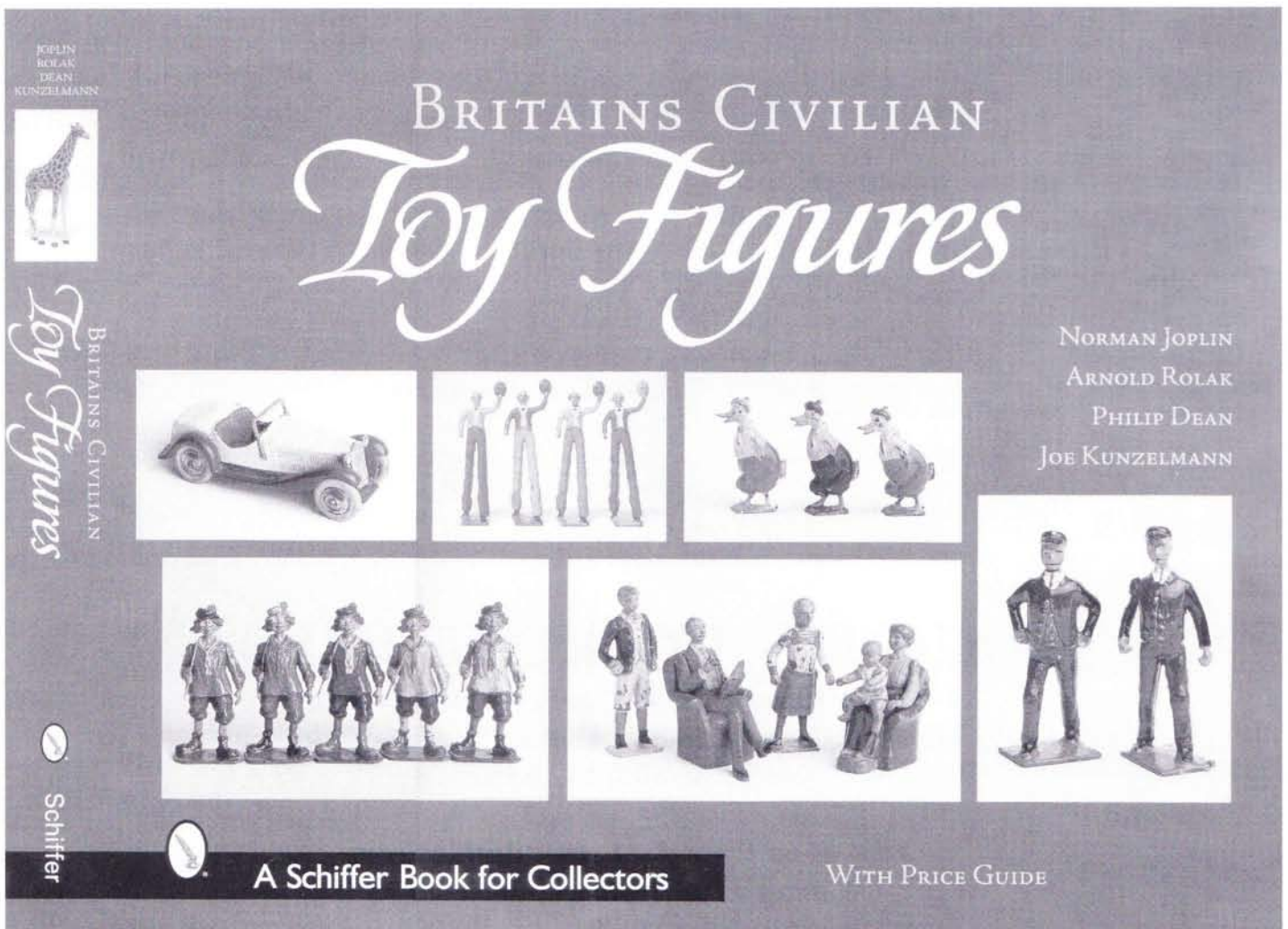
Norman Joplin, in association with Arnold Rolak, Philip Dean and Joseph Kunzelmann, expects his latest definitive reference book published by Schiffer Publishing to be available in the Spring of 2002.

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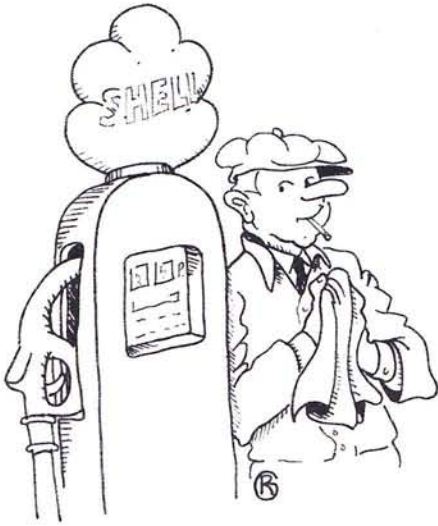
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Britains Road Series - Part 1

Petrol Pumps by Philip Dean



For anyone buying one of Britains new motor vehicles in the mid nineteen thirties, it must have been somewhat frustrating for them to have to wait for over a decade before being able to provide them with fuel, the petrol pump line not being issued until 1948.

Britains introduced their first civilian lorries in 1934, followed in 1935 by the sports car and coupe.

The 1948 new lines list features four petrol pumps: Shell #748, B.P. #749, Shellmex #750, and Power #751. In 1952, Esso #771 was introduced. All were (topless) without domed tops. The overall height was 57mm.

In 1954, the range was renumbered to facilitate the introduction of a plastic dome top on each pump. Shell #1V, B.P. #2V, Esso #3V were joined by Mobil Gas #4V, National Benzole #5V, Fina #6V and Dominion #7V - all 73mm in height with the added dome. No item was allocated to #8V. Oil cabinets were also introduced in 1954: Castrol #9V and Shell #10V - both with vertical sliding door to the front.

In 1956, a garagehand with petrol pump nozzle and rag was recruited from the Farm section of the catalog #787. This petrol pump attendant's gas nozzle could be attached to any of the pumps plastic fuel line. Blue, brown and white overall paint versions of this figure were issued.

Petrol pump stands were introduced to enhance the range in 1954, allowing 3 pumps to stand together. Three boxed sets were marketed, three pumps in each, with the contents illustrated on the box lid. Set 101V consisted of Shell #1V, B.P. #2V and National Benzole #5V. Set 102V consisted of Esso #3V, Mobil Gas #4V and Fina #6V. Set 103V consisted of Shell #1V, Esso #3V and Mobil Gas #4V.

Set #104V, introduced in 1956, came in a very attractive illustrated box showing the contents which consisted of the same three pumps as Set 101V added to which was the garagehand and #10V Shell Oil cabinet.

The catalog numbering system was restructured by Britains in 1962 and the 9000 Series was introduced. The pumps and oil cabinets were allocated a 9000 Series number. The B.P. and National Benzole pumps were redesigned.

The Dominion pump never made it into the 9000 Series, nor was it included in any boxed set and appeared for only four years in the catalog (See Classified Ad Section) "Wanted: Dominion Petrol Pump".

For detailed list of catalog numbers, descriptions, colors and 9000 Series conversion numbers, refer to the published listing.

It is interesting to note that the pumps were not marked Britains and contained only the wording "Made in England".

Britains Road Series - Part 1 (cont.)

Petrol Pumps by Philip Dean



Britains Petrol Pump Versions

Top Row, L to R:

748 SHELL, 749 B.P., 750 SHELLMEX, 751 POWER

Middle Row, L to R:

1V SHELL, 2V B.P., 5V NATIONAL BENZOLE
(On set 101V stand)

Bottom Row, L to R:

3V ESSO, 4V MOBILGAS, 6V FINA
(On set 102V stand)

Britains Road Series - Part 1 (cont.)

Petrol Pumps by Philip Dean

Catalog Numbers

748	SHELL	Red with red on white lettering "SHELL"	1948-53
749	B.P.	Green with black on white lettering "B.P."	1948-53
750	SHELLMEX	Red with black on white lettering "SHELLMEX"	1948-53
751	POWER	Yellow with green lettering "POWER"	1948-53
771	ESSO	Yellow with red lettering "ESSO"	1952-53
1V	SHELL	Beige with shell shaped logo - "SHELL" in red letters. "Shell" - red on yellow and "Premium" - red on white	1954-63
2V	B.P.	Cream with shield logo - "B.P." in yellow on green. "Super" in green with black surround "premium" and shield logo	1954-63
3V	ESSO	Red with oval dome - "ESSO" in blue with "extra" in red. "Essolube" in red on white	1954-63
4V	MOBILGAS	Red with circular white dome 'PEGASUS' in red with "Mobilgas" in blue. "Lubricate with Mobiloil" in blue. Red on white Pegasus	1954-63
5V	NATIONAL BENZOLE	Orange with circular dome showing 3 faces of Mercury (the winged god) surrounded by "National Benzole mixture"	1954-63
6V	FINA	Blue with white dome "SUPER FINA" in blue with red surround. "Super Fina" below	1954-63
7V	DOMINION	Blue with white dome "DOMINION" in black on white with blue surround. "Dominion" in black on white below	1954-73
9V	CASTROL oil cabinet		
10V	SHELL oil cabinet		
9671	SHELL	As 1V	
9672	B.P.	Cream with square white dome "B.P." in yellow on green. "Superplus" in white on red	1962
9673	ESSO	As 3V	
9674	MOBILGAS	As 4V	
9675	NATIONAL BENZOLE	Yellow with diamond shaped dome "NATIONAL" in blue. "National" in blue on white. Mercury head in white on blue	1962
9676	FINA	As 6V	
9679	CASTROL oil cabinet	As 9V	
9680	SHELL oil cabinet	As 10V	

Set 101V became 9681 with the redesigned B.P. and National Benzole pumps

Set 102V became 9682 with no changes

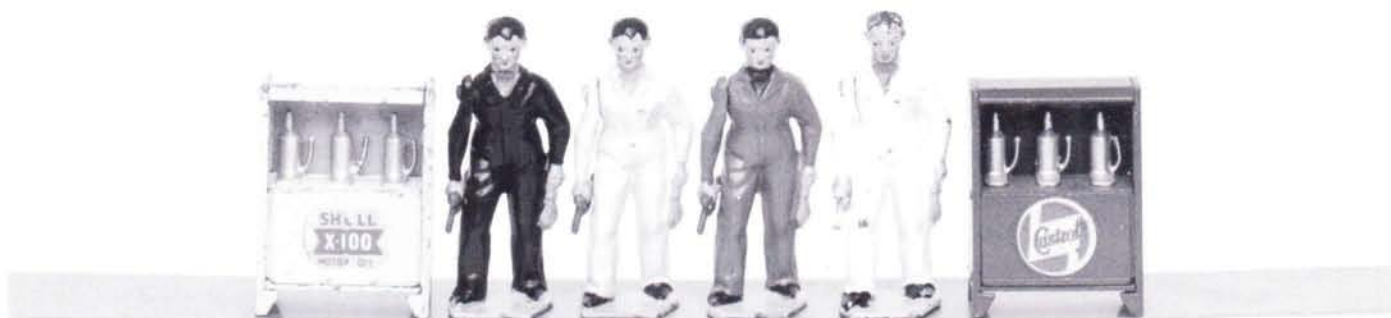
Set 103V became 9683 with no changes

Set 104V became 9689 with the redesigned B.P. and National Benzole pumps

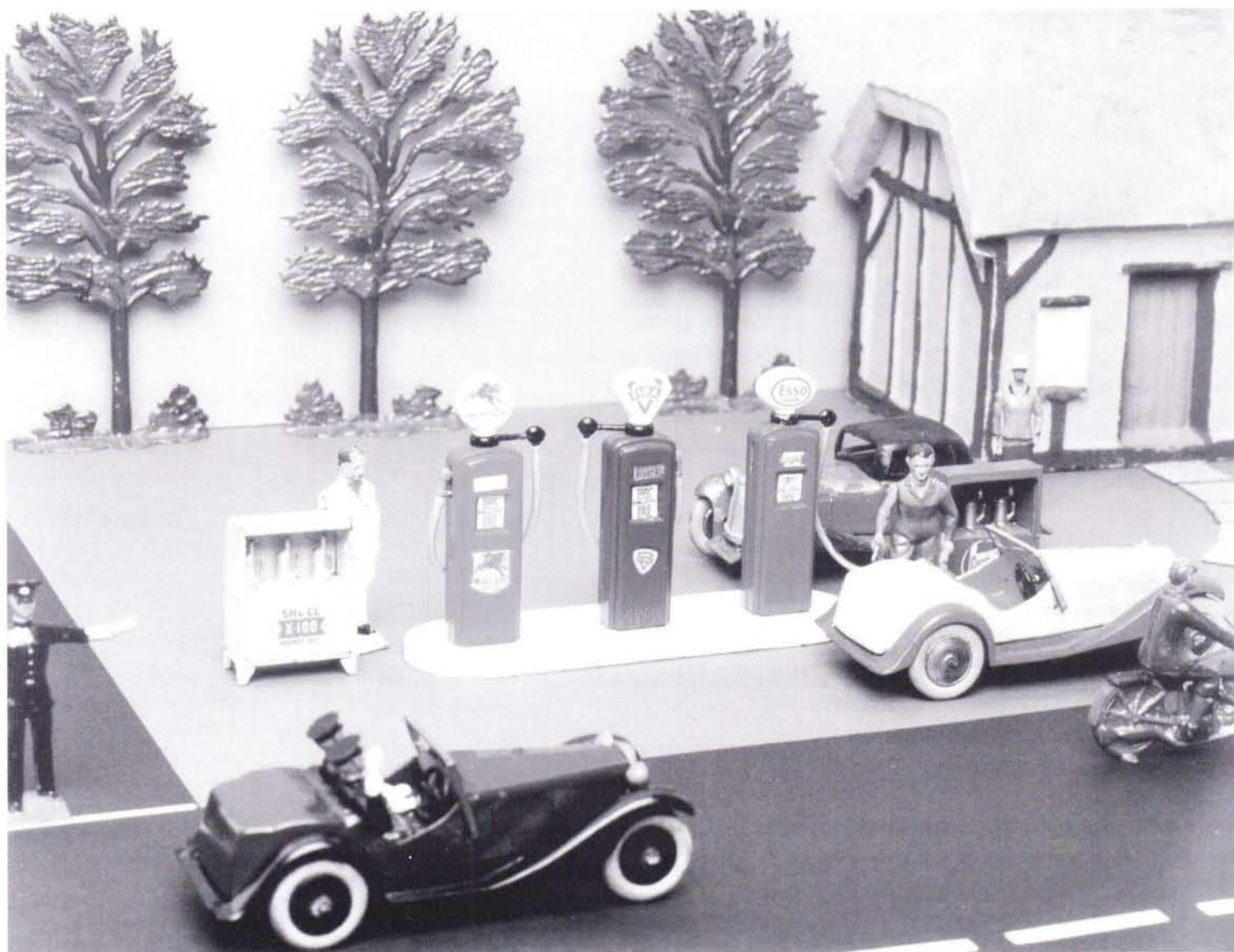
Philip Dean is a British collector who specializes in the non-military products of Britains. All photographs are attributed to Philip.

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L to R: 10V SHELL oil cabinet, four paint variance of garage hand #787, 9V CASTROL oil cabinet.





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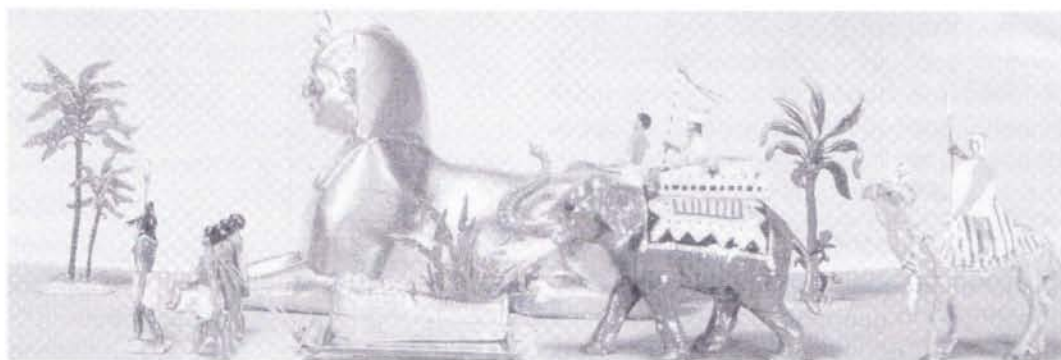
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EXTRA! EXTRA! LATEST DIMESTORE NEWS!

By Richard O'Brien



Page from May 1940 Playthings Magazine

First off, my apologies to Jim Casey. It was Jim who discovered the original retailer of the Barclay cook with timer, not Gene Parker. Secondly, my apologies to everyone. Recently, I went over the notes I'd made decades ago when I was researching toy soldiers in the pre-WWII toy trade magazines. When I originally began, I was only interested in finding out the histories of the dimestore soldiers I'd grown up with. So this note never got into any of my books: "Lincoln Logs soldiers made of zinc alloy - also made 4" high U.S. Soldiers of 1918 - set for \$1.00". Unfortunately, I didn't note source or date, but the next two notes are from 1941, with the second being from the March 1941 Playthings, so presumably the first item was also from that year. As I looked at the note, it occurred to me that the page I'd stumbled on some years later, from the May 1940 Playthings could be reproduced in OTS, since its photographic quality is so high. So, here's the photo that shows the large doughboys listed in my American made toy soldiers as LL53 - LL58, Page 536. It's the box on the right, just above the lowest row. There is something else I'd like to point out there that I've never mentioned before - we may have another doughboy to discover. The figure second from the right doesn't seem to have a rifle and the arm is crooked, unlike the pilot's (LL59) (not shown in this box), whose arms hang straight down, so it's quite possible it was an officer, possibly with a sword. Anyway, we now know Lincoln Logs' description of these soldiers (same as their small doughboys), and that seven of them in a box sold for a dollar, a pretty stiff price in those days of nickel-apiece soldiers, at least one reason why they seem not to have sold well.

Another Shackman catalog has turned up. Shackman, you

SOLDIERS, ETC.



NICEY PAINTED METAL... ABOUT 2 1/2 INCHES EACH.	
51/148	Soldier with signal flag.
51/146	Soldier with field phone.
51/153	Soldier with carrier pigeons.
51/145	Soldier and rapid fire gun.
51/147	Soldier with hand grenade.
51/134	Cowboy.
51/142	Pirate.
51/125	West Point Cadet.
51/135	Soldier with drum, bugle and baton.
51/143	Marine Officer.
51/127	Knight.
51/160	Soldier kneeling with gun.
51/159	Army Doctor.
51/156	American Legion Soldiers, assorted. 3 1/2 inches
51/155	American Legion Marine Soldiers. 3 1/2 inches.
51/154	Soldier with Radio Signal Set. 4 1/2 inches.
51/158	Fireman.
51/128	Soldiers with U. S. flag.
51/130	Soldier with gun.
51/131	Soldier with gun, ass't.
51/151	Soldier with large shell.
51/149	Aviator.
51/144	Soldier with machine gun.
51/152	Soldier with great coat.
51/150	Dress Uniform.
51/126	Marine, blue.
51/138	Marine, white.
51/137	Naval Officer.
51/133	Indian.
51/165	Boy Scout with signal flag.
51/157	Traffic officer.

METAL NOVELTIES

51/136	Cannon Pea Shooter. 4 1/2 inches
51/162	Cannon. Howitzer. 3 1/4 inches
51/163	Cannon. Coast Guard. 4 1/2 inches
51/161	Cannon. Long Range. 7 1/2 inches
51/164	Searchlight mounted on stand. 3 inches

may recall, carried Barclay's soldiers from about the time the company began. This is dated 1938-39, and since the catalog leads off with Halloween items, then goes to Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years, in that order, I think we can assume it was printed no later than early October, 1938. A 1936-37 Shackman's catalog was reproduced earlier in OTS and many of the same items appear here. New, though, and probably new in 1938, are the fireman, cop and Boy Scout signaler. Also new, and again probably first sold in 1938 are, as described by Shackman, "Cannon. Coast Guard"; "Cannon. Long Range"; Searchlight Mounted on Stand" and "Cannon. Howitzer". This almost certainly is the revolving cannon. All four were found on a Broadway sheet I reproduced in "The Barclay Catalog Book".

EXTRA! EXTRA! LATEST DIMESTORE NEWS! (cont.)

By Richard O'Brien

Also in this catalog, and something I somehow never expected to find anywhere, especially after 1937, are the American Legionnaires. Interestingly, Shackman lists them this way: "American Legion Soldiers" and "American Legion Marine Soldiers". No way of knowing if this was also Barclay's description, as Shackman's designations weren't always the same as Barclay's.

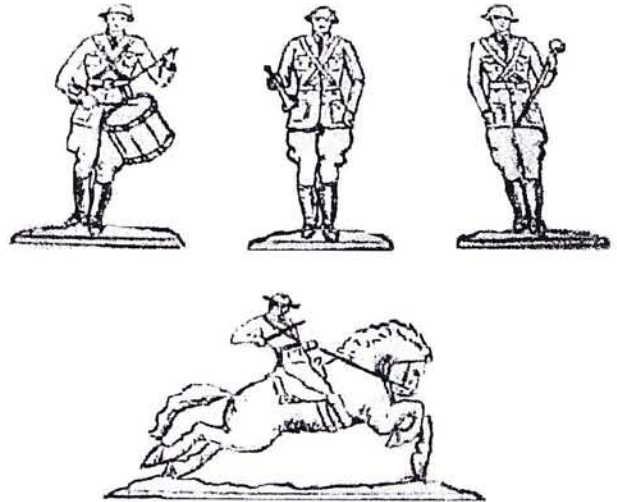
Shackman seems to have sold all its Barclays at retail. Thus, the common soldiers are listed at a nickel each, the legionnaires and the "Soldier with Radio Signal Set" at ten cents each, and the cannons, etc., fifteen cents apiece.

Recently, John West, who does cartoons for Antique Toy World, drew "A Few Toys That I Can't Remember As A Child". Included were six Barclays: Bh, 2B11, 2B9, 2B3, 2B2 and 2B5, thus all from the second series of Barclays. I wrote John and asked if he knew, or could at least guess, when he'd gotten these. He didn't know for sure, but his guess was 1933, which seems likely. I asked if they came in a box, but he says he never saw a box. Barclay did seem to have boxed sets of soldiers at this time, but I've never come across one.

I recently heard from collector James Brady, who seems to have found a new Manoil paint variant - the fellow with a barrel of apples in white. The scan he sent me seems genuine and he says veteran collectors like Bud Born also feel it's the real thing.

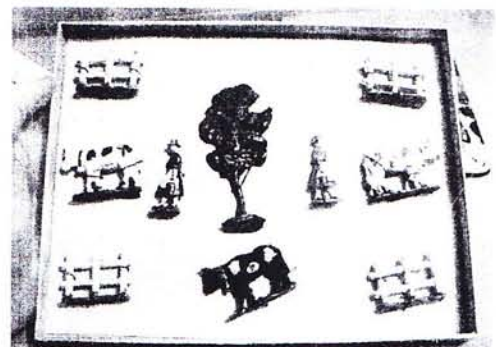
Recently, eBay ran an auction of drawings by the fellow who seems to have designed and presumably sculpted many or all of Grey Iron's soldiers. Presumably the high bidders (I dropped out at \$300) will eventually make all of the art available to collectors, but meanwhile here are two drawings: one of soldiers known to us and a mounted piece that I think would have been Grey Iron's most dramatic. I got in touch with the seller, Charles K. Kuhns, Jr. and he said the artist, whose last name

was Young (first name possibly Russell), worked at Grey Iron and Wilton from the 1920s into the 1960s. Back when I was researching Grey Iron, Young's name never came up, but then neither did anyone at Auburn have any memory of its designer-sculp-



tor. Anyway, we now know what the drawings of Frank Krupp, Olive Kookan, Edward McCandish and Young looked like. Now to find some art by Manoil's Walter Bactz!

Finally, Charles Kuhns sent me scans of a farm set that seems to have sold for a quarter during World War One. The copyright is 1914, with the box top reading "Made in U.S.A. Buy, Boom and Conserve". This set is new to me. The milkmaids are about an inch and a half high. The material is lead. I think Kuhns told me he owns three of these sets. The manufacturer's name doesn't appear anywhere.





"CORPSMAN!"

IWJ 12 "Medical Support"

Two US Navy Corpsmen (Medics) provide first aid to two wounded Marines.

IWJ 13 "Artillery Fire"

Three Japanese soldiers man a small mountain gun and prepare to fire.



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IWJ 14 "Banzai One"

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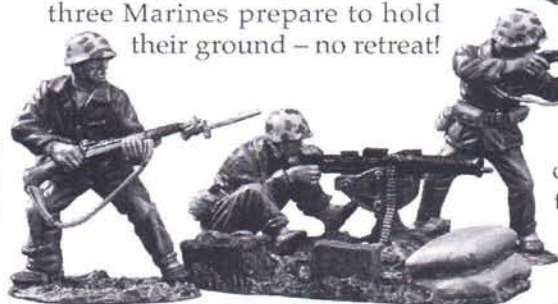
IWJ 16 "One on One"

Attacked from behind this Jap is in for a lethal surprise.



IWJ 18 "The Defenders"

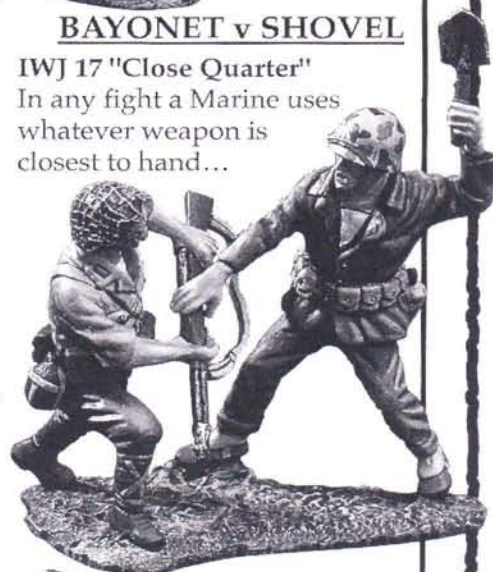
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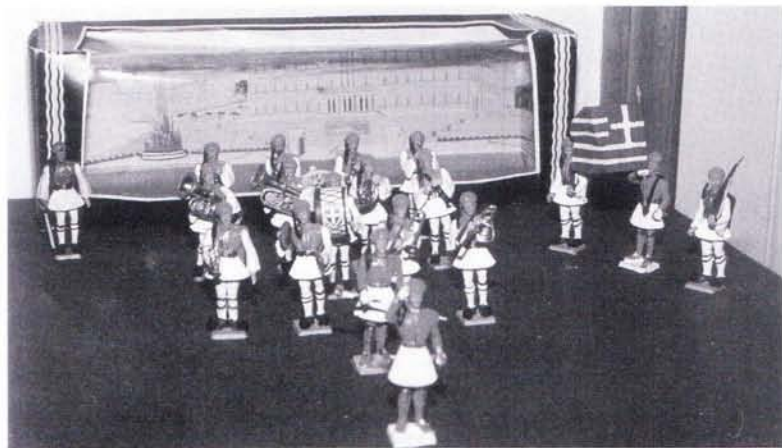


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Plastic Figures Aeoha of Greece

by George M. Betts

For years, I have had in my collection a plastic Greek Evzone 65 mm (2 1/2") high standing at ease. He was purchased for next to nothing at a local garage sale. I knew that he was a member of the Royal Guard of Greece because I already had Britains set 196, "Greek Evzones" so was not unfamiliar with the unit. But of where he had been made and when, whether other figures like him might be obtained, and how much they might cost. I had no idea.



Then, a few years ago, my wife and I took a short trip to Greece, our first visit to that country. For three days we stayed in downtown Athens very close to the old Royal Palace now the Parliament building. Our first walk in the capital was through Syntagma (Constitution) Square where we saw the Evzones, the Royal Guard of Greece, in the flesh.

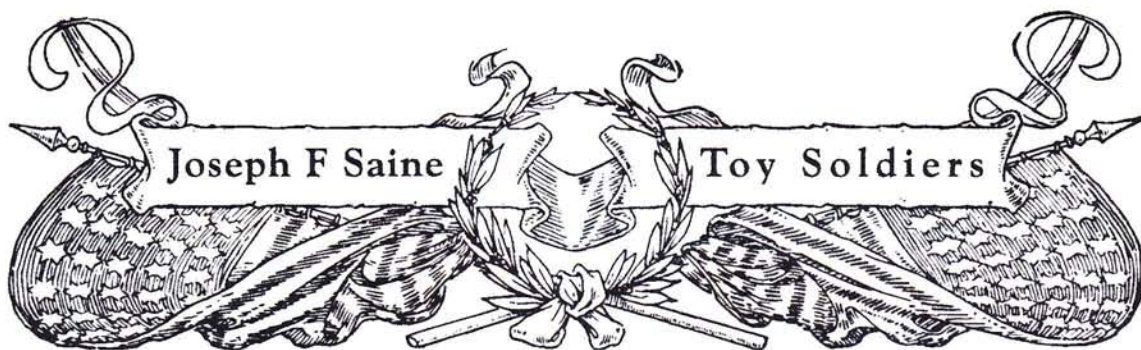
I was determined to obtain some models of these illustrious warriors if at all possible. So, at the earliest opportunity, we went to the Plaka, Athens' chief downtown shopping area, with its market stalls and old-fashioned shops. At first we could find no toy soldiers except the odd, second-hand Mignot, at grossly inflated prices in various antique shops.

But, after much searching, we struck lucky. We found an old-fashioned toy shop which carried the "Aeoha" line in some quantity, although I did not know that that was the marker's name at the time. Most of the models were of the modern khaki variety, some representing the U.S.A. and various N.A.T.O. powers. But some Evzones were in evidence both in boxes and as single pieces. By buying a set, and combining it with selected, single figures, it was possible to build up a quite respectable Evzone display.

I purchased a box of six Evzone bandsmen. Then I added separate bandsmen with different instruments until I had a fair-sized band of fourteen. Similarly, I made up a colour party consisting of two riflemen, a trumpeter, an officer carrying the Greek national flag, and an officer saluting. All but one of the figures are wearing the traditional scarlet vest and fustanella. The odd man out is wearing the blue vest. All wear the long, white stockings and shoes with black pom-poms. However, the officers are wearing long, tight scarlet stockings, which might include scarlet boots.

The box containing the set proved to be a problem. It contained a diorama backdrop of the Parliament building with constitution square and sentry boxes in front of it. But with its "see-through" cellophane front the box was extremely fragile and prone to crack. I felt lucky to get it home with only one or two slight tears in spite of my careful packing. In any event the box and various figures combine to create a colourful display of the Evzones, the Royal Guard.

Collector George Betts is from British Columbia, Canada, and has regularly contributed articles to OTS.



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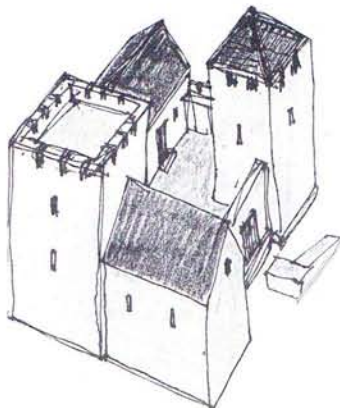


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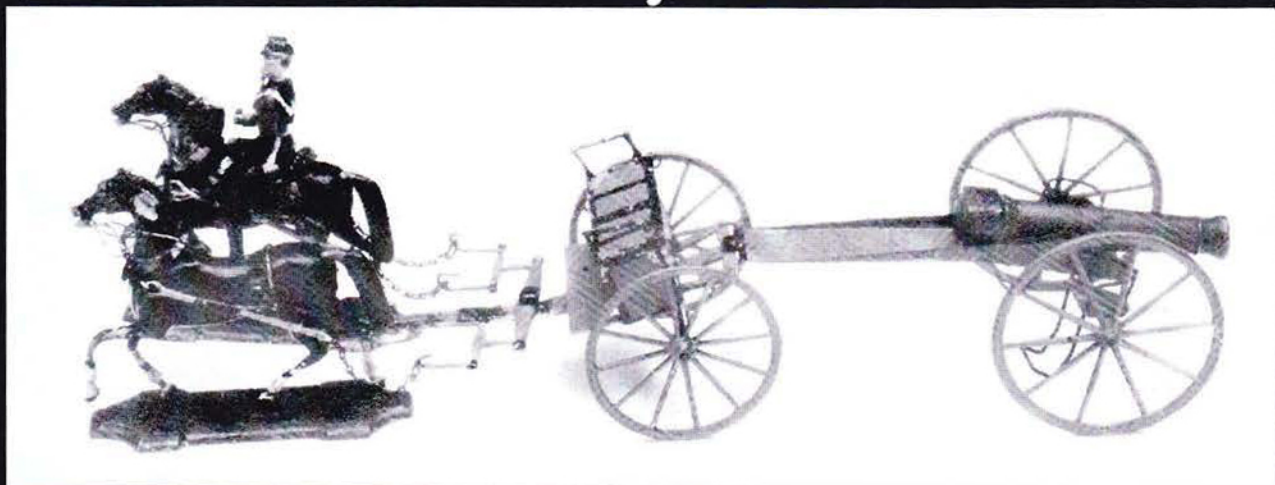
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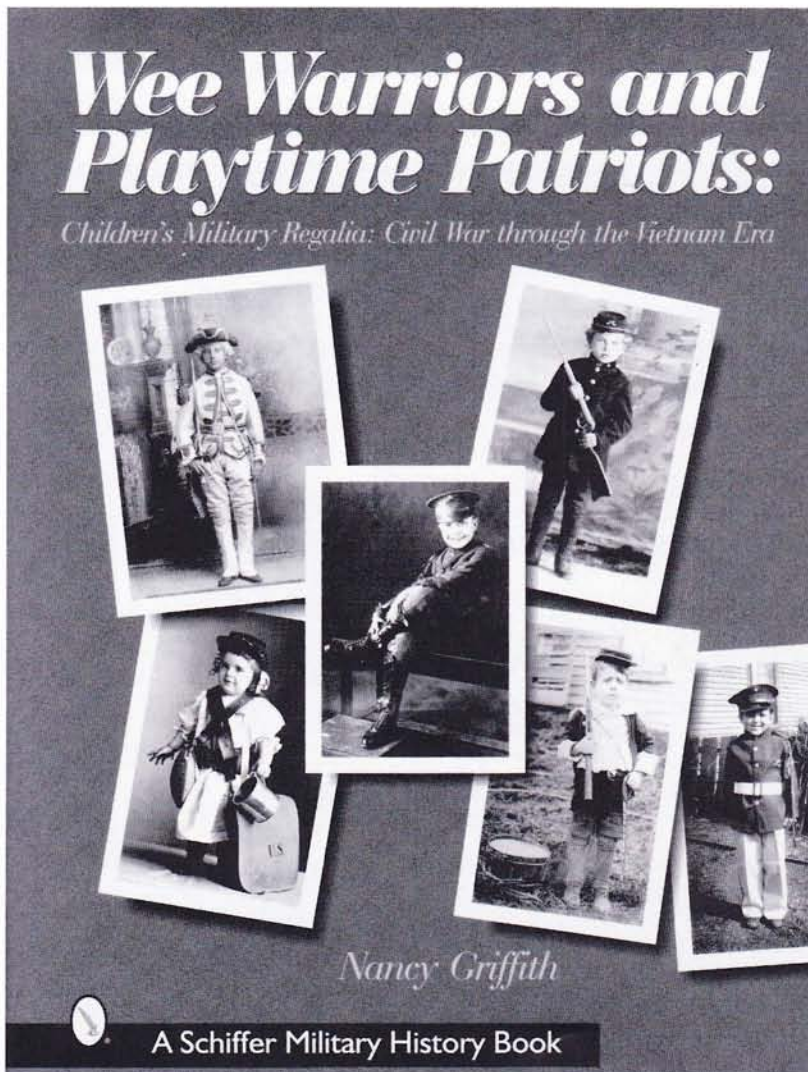
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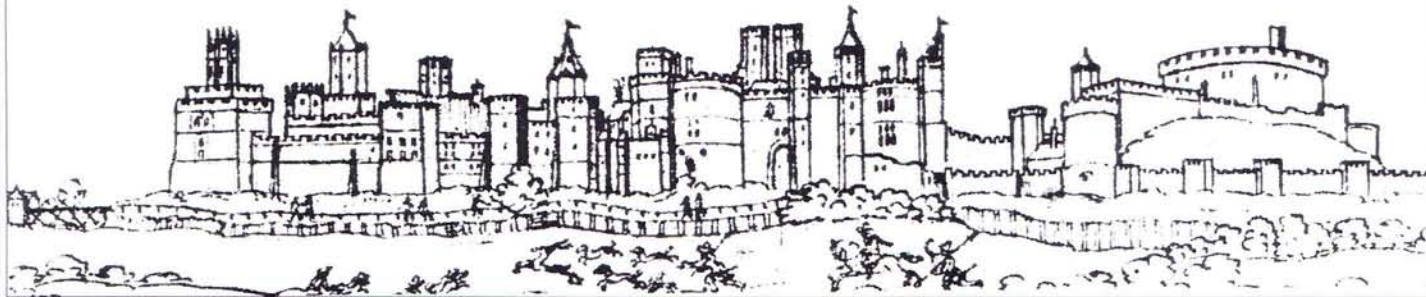
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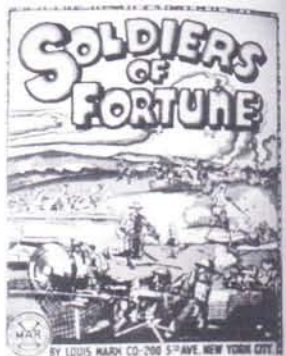


MARX TIN SOLDIERS SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE Are They The BEST?

By Jack Matthews

Louis Marx has rightly been called the toy king. For generations he brought colorful, working, ingenious, and most importantly, low-cost lithographed tinplate toys to millions of average kids world-wide.

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Another great tin soldier was a lithographed army man in 1 1/2" gauge. While expensive and increasing in price, these were a lot of fun and very realistic miniature with modern.

I've always thought that a strong argument could be made that his toy soldier output was the most visually attractive of all of the Dimestore clan. (If this article was in full color, I bet I'd win a lot of supporters). Marx made upwards of three dozen two-dimensional four inch multi-colored lithographic tin soldiers. All I've ever seen were originally sold in target sets, with a cork-firing rifle, pistol or some such weapon.

My first Marx purchase over twenty years ago was the now rare, large boxed "Soldiers of Fortune" set (Photo 1). It contained 24 soldiers and a cork-firing rifle to knock over the soldier targets. All Marx target soldiers had bases which described the figure and have a target score ranging from five to

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one hundred points. (See Photo 2). Some had a fuller narrative, e.g., "3" anti-aircraft Gun fires 1-3 lb. Shell, 25 to 30 shots per minute. Range of 6 miles."

The soldiers were machine cut out of huge sheets. Many years ago, I purchased at Bill Lango's East Coaster (then held at the absolutely unique Schutzen Park location) two dozen ashtrays made from uncut Marx Soldier, Sailor sheets (see Photo 3). There were six different types: Seaman, General, Private, Marine, Sergeant and Colonel.

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Photos 4 to 8, and 14 illustrates thirty-two different figures. Toughest to find individually appear to be the lying shooting Infantryman and the Nurse (Photos 9-10). Numerous Marx target sets involved all sorts of animal and other targets. The two rarest purely military sets are the large Air-Sea-Power set which has among the best box art. Made pre-war, its box and 10" target plane (Photo 11) showed no national insignia. The plane dropped metal pellets on spring-loaded 7" target ships which jump into the air when hit. The ships were placed on a 3 foot square paper target showing a waterfront airfield, city and factory (Photo 12).

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One of the rarest Marx boxed sets has to be the very large boxed Anti-Tank set complete with anti-tank guns, "exploding" tanks and soldiers (Photos 13). The large hinged tanks come apart when the spring-loaded target circle is

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hit by pellets shot by the crank-fired gun (upper left). One was offered at the Atlantic City Show about ten years ago for \$1200. I've never seen one offered on a list, auction or at a show since.

MARX TIN SOLDIERS (cont.)

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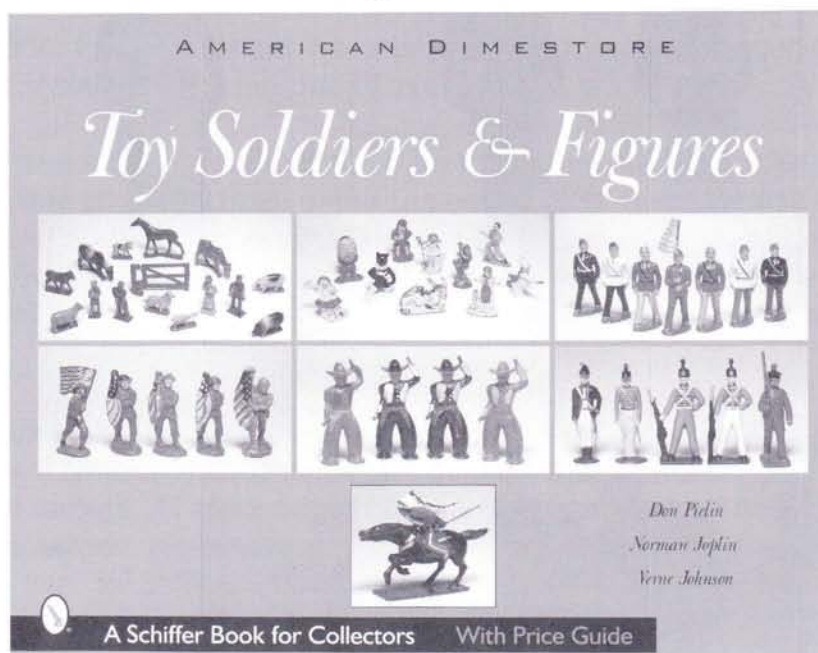
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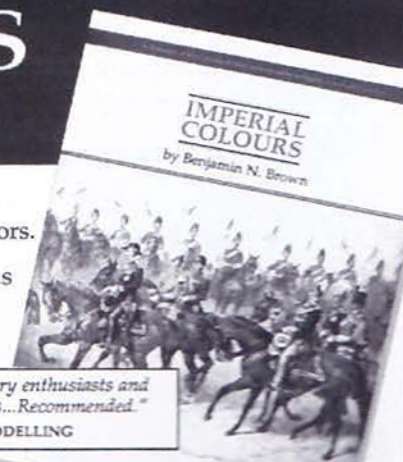
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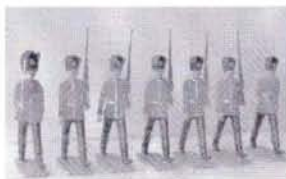
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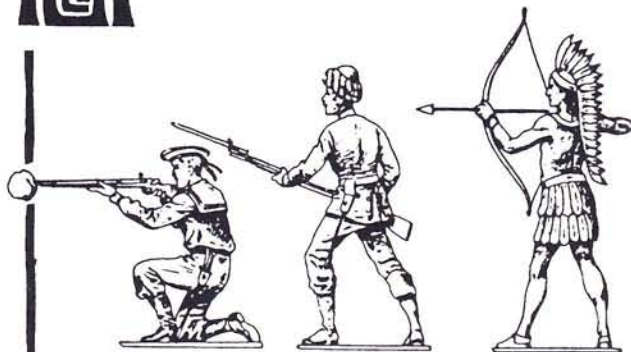
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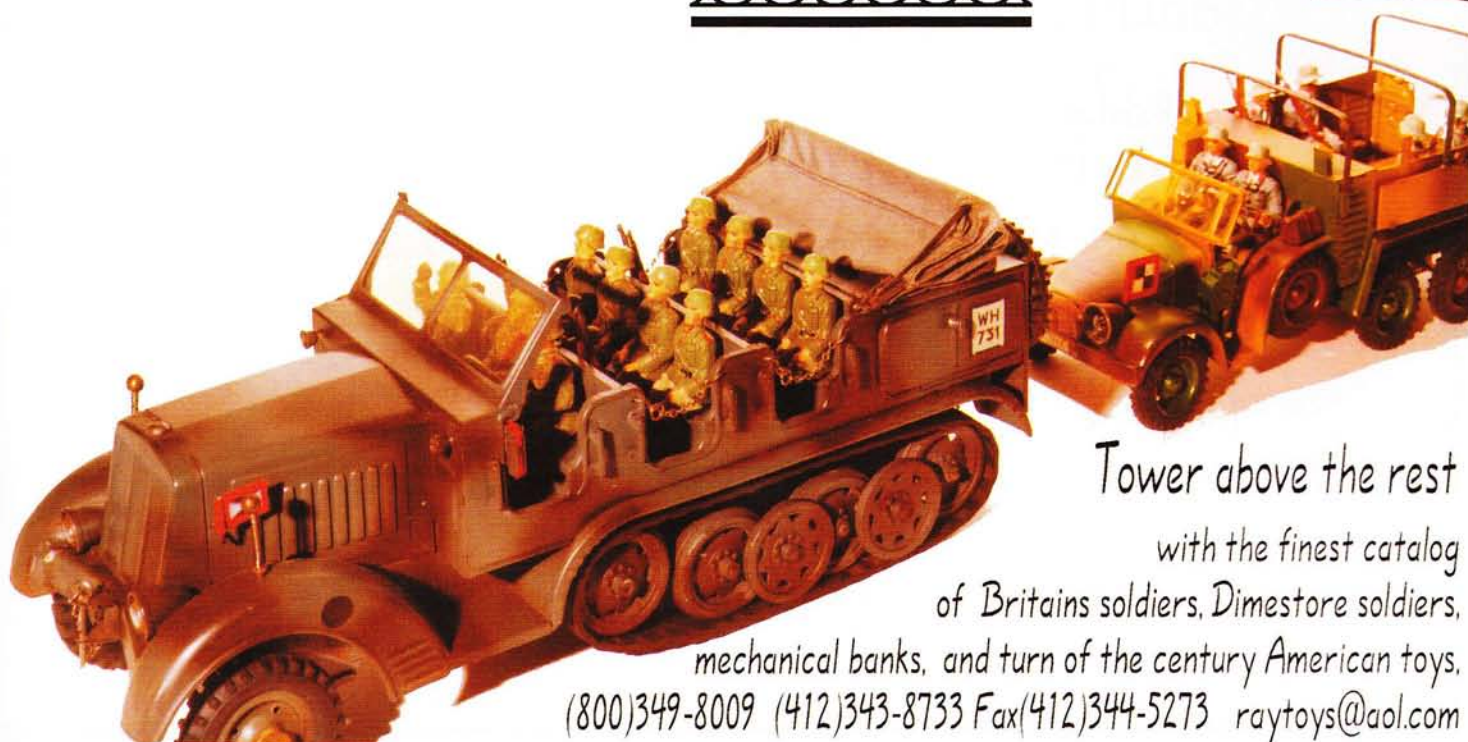
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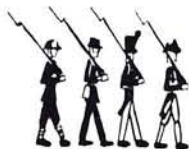


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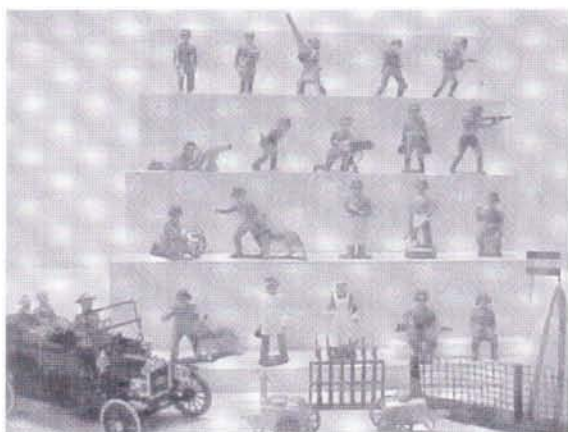
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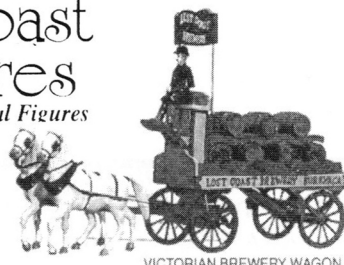
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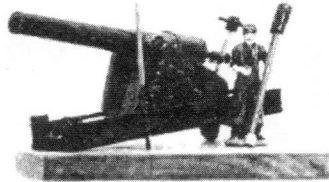
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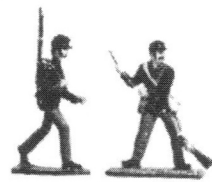
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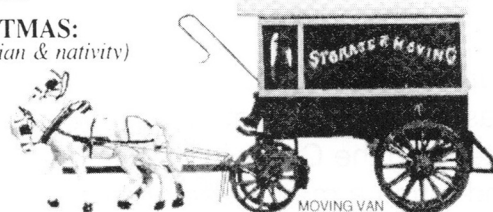
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DIMESTORE BUGLERS

by Don Pielin



Barclay buglers. Left to right: first version; second version; short stride; long stride; long stride (paint variation); white pot helmet; three Pod Foot (paint variations); Midi series.

During a visit in May 2001 to Washington, D.C. on our school's class trip, one of the scheduled events was a visit to Arlington National Cemetery. After a long walk up to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, attending the Changing of the Guard and a Wreath Laying Ceremony, we returned to the Visitors Center and found a magnificent display on the military bugle. The great artifacts in the cases piqued my imagination and inspired this article. Alas, there was no documentation at the exhibit or in the offices of the cemetery and very little on-line.

The history of the bugle in America goes only back to the Revolutionary War when the British troops used them to send commands over long distances. The Americans adopted the bugle and used it for the same purpose late in the war. During the ensuing Civil War, the bugle became common place. Taps, perhaps the most recognizable bugle call, was first played during this war. Oliver Norton is given the distinction of playing it over a soldiers grave in 1862. Buglers were regularly attached to most units and probably had their heyday during the Indian Wars (as depicted in many Hollywood movies). During the golden age of Dimestore toy soldiers, manufacturers responded to the public's love affair with the bugle by issuing many figures during the period between 1900 and 1956 (see *American Dimestore Toy Soldiers and Figures* by Pielin/Joplin/Johnson - Schiffer Publishing).

Of all the manufacturers, Manoil certainly captured the spirit of the moving bugler. With cheeks filled with air, he seems to head into carpet battles undaunted by the dangers waiting him on the field. The great animation employed by the company is embodied in this figure. Sadly, the company chose not to produce any bugle figures after the war in any of their series (45/46 or 500). One can only surmise what a charging bugler would have looked like in the 500 series.

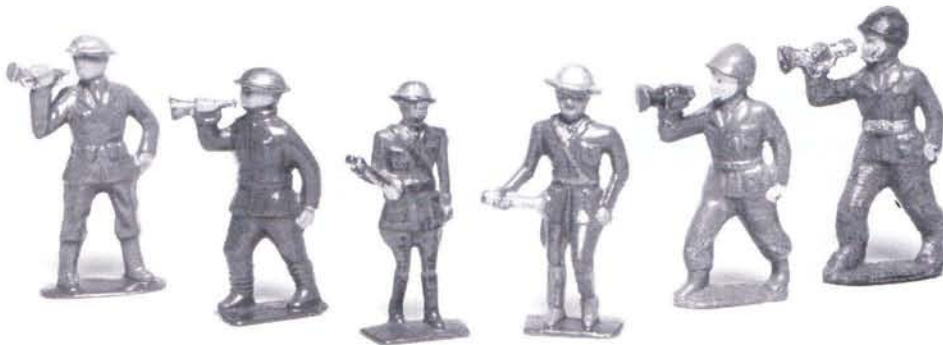


Manoil buglers. Left to right: Hollow base and two standard issue versions.

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Barclay, on the other, produced buglers throughout. Their earliest series of figures included a running bugler, ready to blast out a charge or retreat call as the situation might have required. The second series also had a running bugler and then came the more static, 3 inch short and long stride figures. After the war, the company came out with the very popular white pot helmeted marching band. The group included a marching, playing bugler - a very much sought after piece. Barclay continued to put out buglers with each succeeding range and the pod foots had the figure in khaki, green, blue and red - the last two being very rare. Their last production series, the midi size, had a scaled down version of the pod foot piece, painted in both khaki and green. These, like all the midi size figures, are very hard to find nowadays.



Left to right: All Nu; American Metal; Grey Iron, first version; Grey Iron, second version; two H.B. Toys versions.

Grey Iron's buglers were very much parade items, marching with their instruments on their hips, while all the other makers made their soldiers ready to blow their horns. All-Nu, American Metal, and American Alloy all created figures in traditional khaki. Auburn changed its basic design of figures three times and each time had a bugler in the range. Their products were issued in several different color variations, apparently representing the different branches of the services.

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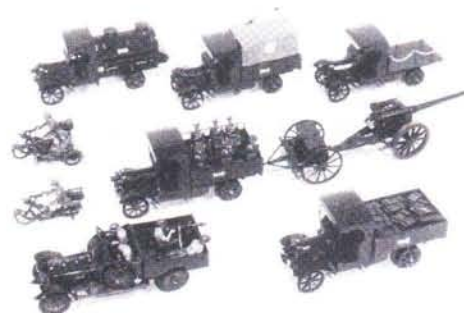
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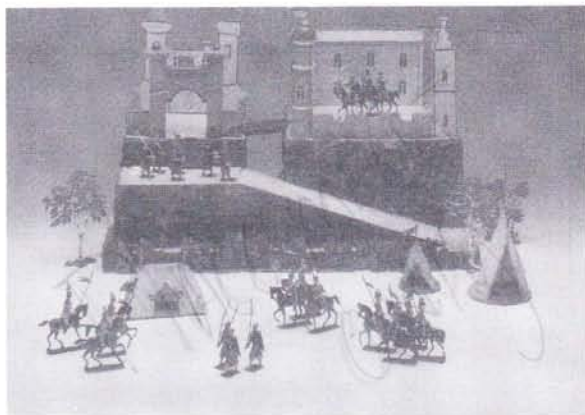
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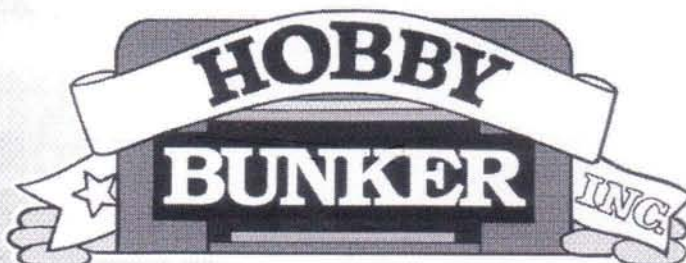
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